MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2024

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair and District Five Supervisor

REGARDING: Item for the April 2nd agenda

Please add the following to the April 2nd agenda:

Proclamation

Designating April 6th-April 12th of 2024 as "Week of the Young Child" in Pima County (District 5)

Thank you

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all of Arizona's children deserve access to quality early care and education (ECE) environments; and

WHEREAS, quality child care programs build children's lifelong learning skills during the critical years from birth to age five; and

WHEREAS, ECE teachers and child care providers are the essential workforce that helps Arizona parents get to work or school; and

WHEREAS, funding quality child care is a smart investment that improves family well-being, strengthens communities, and grows our state's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, First Things First, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, and other community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the 53rd anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to improve equitable early childhood opportunities that provide a strong start for children in Pima County; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support ECE for Arizona's youngest learners help our families, communities, and the economy thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of April 6 through 12, 2024 to be:

"WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN PIMA COUNTY"

and encourages all citizens to support and invest in early care and education in our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2024.

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The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors