

WHEREAS Summer Learning Week is a time to reflect on the importance of keeping young people learning, safe, and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school in the fall ready to succeed in the year ahead; and

WHEREAS There is still a role for summer youth employment programs to engage older youth. Whether virtual or in-person, with the support of business and community leaders, our youth can learn, gain real-world experience, contribute to their community and economy, and experience safer environments through summer jobs, internships, mentoring, or volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS The Wallace Foundation's largest-ever summer learning study conducted by the RAND Corporation found that it was clear that low-income students experienced more setbacks over the summer compared to their wealthier peers; and

WHEREAS Summer learning programs are proven to maintain and advance students' academic and social/emotional growth, keep children safe and healthy during the summer, and send young people back to school ready to learn; and

WHEREAS A wide array of public agencies, community-based organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers, camps, and businesses in our community contribute to the well-being of youth through summer programming; and

WHEREAS Joyful summer learning experiences are a critical component of our collective effort to ensure America's educational recovery and that all students heal, grow and thrive through and beyond this global pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Hoffman, proclaim July 11-15, 2022, as SUMMER LEARNING WEEK in Arizona schools.

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