**Sample Family Reading Week Proclamation**

WHEREAS, reading is key to learning and the foundation of future success; and

WHEREAS, parents are a child’s first teacher, preparing them to succeed in learning; and

WHEREAS, research shows that children of all ages who are read to are more successful in school, are better readers, and are more likely to remain life-long readers; and

WHEREAS, libraries are the gateway to learning and information; and

WHEREAS, libraries have programs and resources that help parents nurture a child’s natural curiosity for learning; and

WHEREAS, reading together is a great way for parents and children to connect; and

WHEREAS, schools, libraries, and community organizations across the State of Idaho have created fun events to celebrate Idaho Family Reading Week using the theme “Tell Me a Tale.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the week of November 12 through 18, as Family Reading Week in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and call upon all parents to read aloud to their children every day and to visit their local library for information and materials to help with reading.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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