Sample 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 “Let the Games Begin @ your library.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I __________________________, Mayor of ____________________, do hereby proclaim the week of November 13 through 19, 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 ________, 2011.

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Mayor                                                                                    Date