**Sample Idaho 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/caregivers 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 “Fun and Games!”

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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