

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Family Literacy Day, established by the 103rd Congress in 1994, and now marking its 28th anniversary on November 1, 2022, highlights the importance of reading and learning for the entire family and emphasizes the impact that parents have on their child's learning; and

WHEREAS, this day is celebrated across America each year, and focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs that empower families and build a nation of readers; and

WHEREAS, literacy programs across the United States will observe National Family Literacy Day by holding read-a-thons, book drives, workshops, and family activities at schools, libraries, and community centers to encourage literacy; and

WHEREAS, as many as one in six adults struggle with reading and writing, and by learning to read, individuals can gain self-respect and confidence and strive toward goals that otherwise would not be achievable; and

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, education being one of the cornerstones of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Narcissa Whitman Chapter is committed to increasing literacy by promoting and supporting literacy programs,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2022 as

"NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY"

in the City of Yakima and urge all citizens to underscore the importance of literacy, celebrate the joy of reading, encourage residents to promote literacy by reading together as a family, and to extend deep appreciation to our local librarians, educators, and literacy service providers for their tireless efforts to strengthen the literacy of our children and our community.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2022

Janice Deccio, Mayor