**NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY**

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,**  National Family Literacy Day, established by the 103rd Congress in 1994, and now

marking its 30th anniversary on November 1, 2024, 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, is committed to increasing literacy by promoting and supporting literacy programs.

**NOW TEHREFORE,** I**,** Bruce Fraley, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Berea, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 1st as National Family Literacy Day in Berea, Kentucky.

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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.

Done this day on November 14, 2024 in Berea, Kentucky.

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 Bruce Fraley, Mayor

City of Berea, Kentucky