

Whereas

Whereas, Reading is an early gateway skill that paves the pathway for future success; and

Whereas, Lower literacy rates don't just hurt individual children; they're a huge concern for the future health and prosperity of our community and state; and

Whereas, The third grade reading level is a key indicator of a child's future educational success, yet nearly half of Portland's third-graders aren't meeting this critical benchmark; and

Whereas, By providing our children with one-on-one reading support, access to books, and building their confidence, literacy skills, and a love of reading, we can reduce the negative ripple effects of illiteracy and help children realize their full potential; and

Whereas, World Read Aloud Day is an opportunity for people in Portland and across the globe to celebrate the joy of reading aloud and advocate for literacy as a fundamental human right that belongs to everyone; and

Whereas, In recognition of SMART Reading's efforts, since 1992, to engage 140,000 Oregonians to offer over 222,000 Oregon children reading support, and 2.8 million books, putting them on a path to strong literacy skills that yields lifelong benefits and opportunities;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim February 5th, 2020 to be

World Read Aloud Day

In Portland and encourage all Portland residents to observe this day.

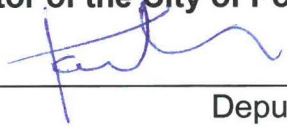
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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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Deputy

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