

WHEREAS, many of our community's third graders struggle to read at grade level; and

WHEREAS, poor reading ability in the early grades is linked to poor school attendance which negatively impacts academic performance; and

WHEREAS, the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library, the Downtown Stockton Alliance and many community partners are committed to providing free opportunities for children and families to build literacy skills through fun and interactive events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stockton hereby encourages its residents to celebrate and support youth literacy at the 2nd annual GREAT BIG READ in Downtown Stockton at the Janet Leigh Plaza on April 29th, 2017 from 11 am until 2 pm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL TUBBS, as Mayor of the City of Stockton, and on behalf of the Stockton City Council, do hereby declare April 29th, 2017 as

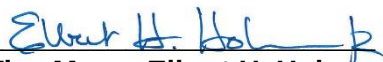
GREAT BIG READ DAY in STOCKTON

in order to promote literacy and the arts through interactive reading activities, arts & crafts, poetry, and music.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Stockton to be affixed this 11th day of April, Two –Thousand-Seventeen.



Mayor Michael D. Tubbs



Vice Mayor Elbert H. Holman Jr.



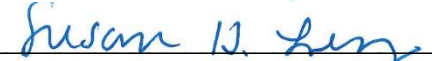
Councilmember Susan Lofthus



Councilmember Christina Fugazi



Councilmember Daniel R. Wright



Councilmember Susan H. Lenz



Councilmember Jesús Andrade