



## **Civic Learning Week Proclamation by [name of elected official/jurisdiction]**

*Whereas*, our nation's longstanding and ongoing audacious experiment in self-governance requires a populace with an understanding of the nation's laws and government; the skills for discussion and working together across difference; and a widespread commitment to the civic strength of our communities; and

*Whereas*, civic education is vital to sustaining and strengthening constitutional democracy in the United States of America; and

*Whereas*, the practice of democracy must be taught and learned anew by each generation; and

*Whereas*, educators and schools play a central role in the essential daily work to support young people in their development of an informed and empowered civic identity, one that is core to building the civic strength of our populace and nation; and

*Whereas*, Civic Learning Week seeks to unite our community and highlight the importance of civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions that provide the foundation for an informed and engaged populace; and

*Whereas*, [school/district/community/state has taken the following steps to prioritize/invest in civic learning]; and

*Whereas*, the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in this current year calls on our collective ability and commitment to work across difference and reinvest in making civic learning for all students a community, state, and national priority;

*Therefore*, be it proclaimed that the second full week of March [enter dates if for a specific year] shall be recognized as Civic Learning Week in [jurisdiction] and [decision making body] extends our jurisdiction's deepest appreciation to the students, volunteers, and professionals who prioritize this enterprise within our communities.