

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, according to the Association for Play Therapy (APT), the national professional society that advances Play Therapy, play is our first language, and just as adults use words to communicate, children use play to express thoughts and feelings that might otherwise remain hidden; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of licensed mental health professionals – counselors, marriage and family therapists, psychiatric nurses, psychologists, clinical social workers, and school counselors – within and outside of the United States use play therapeutically to help their clients, especially children, to describe and manage their behaviors and mental health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane is grateful for the local organizations who provide play therapy and help children to understand, express, and cope with life's most difficult problems:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim the week of February 6-12, 2022 as

### PLAY THERAPY WEEK

in Spokane and encourage citizens to join me in celebrating the importance of play for children and families and honoring the work done by therapists as they promote children's health.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

