

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, International Education Week (IEW) is an initiative led by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange, and is observed in more than 100 countries worldwide every November; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Cities International was founded as a presidential initiative by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 at the White House Conference of Citizen Diplomacy to create more community-led global relationships so that people of different cultures could appreciate their differences and build partnerships that would lessen the chance of new international conflicts; and our network of Spokane Sister City partnerships in Nishinomiya, Japan; Limerick, Ireland; Jilin City, China; Jecheon, South Korea; Cagli, Italy; and friendship city partnership with Malay, Philippines have extended our global embrace; and

**WHEREAS**, our Spokane regional colleges and universities including Gonzaga University, Whitworth University, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University-Spokane, the Community Colleges of Spokane, and North Idaho College provide world class education, it is an opportune time for Spokane to welcome our international companions to show how powerful humanity can be when communities unite to promote peace, progress, education, and prosperity for a better world:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2024 as

### INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

in Spokane.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
12th day of November 2024.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Lisa Brown".

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

