## CITY OF SPOKANE

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program (SBP), permanently established in 1975, provides nutritionally balanced breakfasts to more than 15 million children across 91,000 schools and institutions in the United States each day; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program meets the nutritional needs of children, improves food security, and promotes health, learning and development by providing nutritionally balanced breakfasts to school children each day; and

WHEREAS, 16% of children in Washington are food insecure and face hunger; school-aged children who experience hunger are more likely to be absent from school, visit the school nurse, and experience more challenges than children with a nutritious diet, and skipping breakfast has consistently been linked with worse academic and health outcomes for children;

WHEREAS, 41,819,632 breakfast meals were served in Washington in 2024, reaching 255,889 students;

WHEREAS, parents, caregivers, teachers, and school food personnel all play an essential role to ensure the children of Spokane have the basic resources needed to grow, learn, discover their own potential, and live happy fulfilling lives:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim March 3-7, 2025 as

## SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

in Spokane and encourage all residents to recognize and commemorate school administrators, school nutrition directors, and cafeteria staff who operate school breakfast programs that ensure the health, safety, and success of our children.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 27th day of February 2025.

Lisa Brown

Mayor

