

[City name] CITY, IDAHO PROCLAMATION _____

RECOGNIZING THE TWO LIGHTS FOR TOMORROW INITIATIVE AND COMMEMORATING THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

WHEREAS, on the night of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere, William Dawes, and Samuel Prescott embarked on their historic ride to warn the American colonists of the advancing British troops, an event that played a critical role in the beginning of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the following day, April 19, 1775, marked the Battles of Lexington and Concord, military engagements of the American Revolutionary War, which ignited the struggle for American independence; and

WHEREAS, The events of April 18 and 19th 1775 signaled the urgent call for unity and defense against oppression, a spirit that ultimately culminated in the drafting and adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, which formally articulated the colonies' right to self-governance and enshrined the principles of liberty, self-determination, and unalienable rights that continues to this day to define the American identity; and

WHEREAS, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow immortalized this moment in history through his famous poem *Paul Revere's Ride*, recounting the lantern signal—one if by land, and two if by sea—displayed in the belfry of the Old North Church as a call to arms for American patriots; and

WHEREAS, the significance of light overcoming darkness is a theme deeply rooted in history and faith, and Easter weekend, observed by many as a time of renewal and hope, parallels the *Two Lights for Tomorrow* initiative as a symbol of guiding light, resilience, and the triumph of freedom over oppression; and

WHEREAS, the *Two Lights for Tomorrow* national initiative seeks to honor this pivotal moment in history by encouraging individuals, businesses, and institutions to display two lights in their windows on the night of April 18, 2025, as a symbol of remembrance and unity; and

WHEREAS, the *Two Lights for Tomorrow* initiative also encourages communities across the nation to dedicate April 19, 2025, as a Day of Service, demonstrating the American spirit of resilience, civic engagement, and commitment to the common good; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [City Name] City will participate in the *Two Lights for Tomorrow* initiative by placing two lights in the windows of City buildings on

the night of April 18, 2025, as a tribute to the signal that helped spark the American Revolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that [City Name] City invites and encourages all residents, businesses, schools, and places of worship to join in this commemoration by displaying two lights in their windows on the evening of April 18, 2025, symbolizing our shared history and dedication to the principles of liberty and independence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that [City Name] City calls upon all members of the community to engage in a local Day of Service on April 19, 2025, by volunteering in activities that strengthen and support our community in the spirit of unity and civic responsibility; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that [City Name] City recognizes the enduring legacy of the events of April 18–19, 1775, and their profound impact on the birth of the United States, reaffirming our commitment to preserving and celebrating the ideals of liberty, service, and our Republic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Mayor and City Council of [City name] City, Idaho, do hereby proclaim the City's participation in the *Two Lights for Tomorrow* initiative and encourage all residents to join in this historic commemoration.

Signed this _____ day of March, 2025.