

LITERACY

WHEREAS, the children of our community are our most precious resource; and

WHEREAS, our children's education is their key to success in life; and

WHEREAS, research tells us that children who read at or above grade level by the end of third grade have a better chance for success in school and life; and

WHEREAS, children who are read with for at least 20 minutes a day from birth are more likely to have the skills needed to succeed in school and life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James S. Mayberry, Mayor of the City of Crossville do hereby

- support a goal of having 90% of our 3rd grade students reading at or above grade level by the year 2025;
- support the Children's Reading Foundation of the Upper Cumberland to help achieve such goal; and
- encourage parents and caregivers to read aloud with children at least 20 minutes a day from birth.