Governor
Paul R. LePage

In testimony whereof, I have caused

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL LEPAGE, do hereby proclaim March 7th, 2012 as

WHEREAS, World Read Aloud Day is a day when all people around the world are invited to

prospect for success in school, the workforce, and society, and

WHEREAS, reading aloud encourages a love of reading in adults and children, and increases

outcomes, and strengthens democracy; and

WHEREAS, the ability to read and write affords children strength and resilience, allows adults

WHEREAS, 742 million people in the world today cannot read or write and twenty percent of

adulthood in the United States read at or below a fifth grade reading level; and

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