



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

# PROCLAMATION

## CELEBRATING READING IN MANITOBA February 2026

WHEREAS The ability to read, write and communicate is empowering and contributes to individual and community well-being;

WHEREAS Communication provides a connection to who we are and how we live together and interact with the world;

WHEREAS People who are literate can read for many purposes and participate in society by interacting with various forms of communication;

WHEREAS Through reading, individuals cultivate deeper understanding, empathy and respect for others by expanding their horizons and connecting to diverse cultures, experiences and perspectives;

WHEREAS Literacy achievements and the growth of knowledge and critical thought, as supported by educators, parents, public library staff and other community champions, are worthy of notice and celebration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT We, Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning and Nellie Kennedy, Minister of Manitoba Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2026 as

### I LOVE TO READ MONTH

in Manitoba and commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province.

*Original signed by*

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Honourable Tracy Schmidt  
Minister  
Education and  
Early Childhood Learning

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Honourable Nellie Kennedy  
Minister  
Sport, Culture, Heritage  
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