national summer learning association

**Proclaim Summer Learning Week in Your Community**

Proclaim Summer Learning Day Week in your community and show how essential summer learning is in closing the achievement and opportunity gaps in America. Now, summer is more important than ever given families are struggling to keep kids engaged in learning and summer providers are adapting to COVID-19 realities.

**STEP 1:** Share this sample proclamation language with your mayor, governor, or local elected official. Recommend a day, week, or even a month long celebration. National Summer Learning Week is taking place from July 6-11, 2020.

**STEP 2:** If you have not heard from your local leader's office within two weeks, reach out to them again and share resources found on the National Summer Learning Association's (NSLA) website to show the importance of summer learning such as the *Summer by the Numbers* flyer.

**STEP 3:** Once proclaimed, celebrate on Twitter with the two hashtags #SummerLearningWeek and #Proclamation to let us know your community is part of the celebration!

You can find the sample proclamation language on the following page.

**SAMPLE PROCLAMATION FOR SUMMER LEARNING WEEK**

Summer is not canceled. Even in the midst of a health pandemic, summer is bursting with possibilities for all students to grow, learn and thrive. High-quality summer learning and enrichment opportunities will be more important than ever in 2020. Across the country, summer programs are adapting and innovating to ensure children and their families can access quality summer learning opportunities and critical supports and services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Whereas:** Summer Learning Week is a time to reflect on the importance of keeping youth learning, safe, and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school in the fall ready to succeed in the year ahead; and

**Whereas:** There is still a role for summer youth employment programs to engage older youth. Whether virtual or in-person, with the support of business and community leaders, our youth can learn, gain real world experience, contribute to their community and economy, and experience safer environments through summer jobs, internships, and/or volunteering opportunities; and

**Whereas:** The largest-ever summer learning study conducted by the RAND Corporation found that it was clear that low-income students experienced more setbacks over the summer compared to their wealthier peers; and

**Whereas:** Summer learning programs are proven to maintain and advance students' academic and social/emotional growth, keep children safe and healthy during the summer, and send young people back to school ready to learn; and

**Whereas:** A wide array of public agencies, community-based organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers, camps, and businesses in our community contribute to the well-being of youth through summer programming; and

**Whereas:** Summer learning is a critical component of our collective effort to ensure all students graduate from high school prepared for college, careers, and life;

Now, therefore, I, First and Last Name, do hereby proclaim July 6-11, 2020 as **SUMMER LEARNING WEEK** in Name of Location, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.