## Sample Head Start 60th Anniversary and Head Start Month Proclamation

## [GRANTEE LOGO] [TITLE]

**WHEREAS**, Head Start is rooted in the belief that every child, regardless of other circumstances, should have a fair shot to succeed in life. It has operated for 60 years in all 50 states and annually reaches more than 750,000 children from birth to age five, including infants, toddlers, and expectant parents whose families face significant economic and social hardships; and

WHEREAS, the Head Start model takes a comprehensive, community-driven approach to setting children up for success by focusing on education, health, and parent involvement and support; and

WHEREAS, Head Start addresses factors inside and outside the classroom that limit children's opportunities, and focuses on ensuring that all children and families – regardless of circumstances – have a fair shot in life; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 40 million Americans who have attended Head Start credit the program with setting them on the path to success in their future education and in life, exemplifying the transformative power of the Head Start model; and

WHEREAS, Head Start offers and provides connections to comprehensive health, medical, vision, dental, nutrition, and additional health services as well as early identification when intervention has the greatest impact; and

**WHEREAS**, for 60 years, every administration and Congress have united in bipartisan support for Head Start, affirming its role as the nation's flagship early learning program and a cornerstone of American health, and economic mobility systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [NAME AND TITLE] of [CITY/STATE], do hereby proclaim [MONTH AND YEAR] as Head Start 60th Anniversary Month in recognition of the remarkable contributions of Head Start to children, families, and communities across the nation and its ongoing commitment to brightening the future of our nation.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of <a href="[CITY/STATE">[CITY/STATE]</a>, on this <a href="[DAY">[DAY]</a> of <a href="[MONTH]">[MONTH]</a>, <a href="[YEAR]</a>.

## [SIGNATURE]

[Name]
[Title]

**ATTEST:** 

[NAME] [POSITION]