

PROCLAMATION  
HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Established in 1965, Head Start is a national, federally funded early childhood development program that serves children and families and whose purpose is to help children achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Head Start provides comprehensive health, nutritional, educational, social services, family and community development and meaningful parent involvement; and

WHEREAS, Head Start focuses on children's language development, early literacy, social skills, and giving their parents the skills in becoming their child's first and best teacher; and

WHEREAS, Head Start is committed to the development of each child and provides preventative and early intervention services to children and families regardless of their economic status.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nancy I Russell, Mayor of the City of Gordon do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 as "Head Start Awareness Month".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is recognized that the needs of children and families in the immediate service area must become a top priority for future decision makers by investing financial resources and talent in the prevention of health and mental health and educational disabilities, child abuse and neglect, and family dysfunction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all parents of preschool age children should be encouraged to participate in literacy activities, such as reading a book with your child, attending a play with your child, and going to the library with your child during the month of October.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Gordon, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

          /s/ Nancy I Russell          

Mayor Nancy Russell