

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
City of Eugene, Oregon

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** The Imagination Library of Eugene is a book-gifting program founded by Dolly Parton and the Dollywood Foundation, implemented by Eugene Public library and funded locally by the Eugene Public Library Foundation; and

**WHEREAS:** Oregon has the third lowest graduation rate in the country; and

**WHEREAS:** Reading ability is the number one indicator of high school graduation and future success.; and

**WHEREAS:** Children who share books in infancy become better readers; and

**WHEREAS:** The Eugene Public Library Foundation has funded the Imagination Library of Eugene since 2014 and presently serves more than 3,600 preschoolers every month; and

**WHEREAS:** The Imagination Library of Eugene provides these books at no expense to the participating families through Foundation funding; and

**WHEREAS:** The Imagination Library of Eugene is a cost-effective and valuable program dedicated to early literacy; and

**WHEREAS:** Children participating in the Imagination Library have shown to be in advance of the norm when they enter kindergarten;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2019

**“Imagination Library Day”**

throughout the city of Eugene.



*Lucy Vinis*  
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*Mayor Lucy Vinis*  
*City of Eugene*  
*June 1, 2019*