

PROCLAMATION

“The Big Read”

WHEREAS, reading is an important activity for all of the residents of the City of Sunnyside; and

WHEREAS, literary reading in America is declining among all age groups; and

WHEREAS, the Big read is a national program by the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest that encourages literary reading by asking communities to come together and read and discuss one book; and

WHEREAS, Yakima Valley Regional Library was awarded a Big Read grant to promote reading; and

WHEREAS, reading is one way to create bonds within a family and among friends and neighbors and with the Big Read we want to get everyone in a community to read and discuss a great book together; and

WHEREAS, the Big Read is encouraging all residents to read Luis Alberto Urrea’s, Into the Beautiful North, which evokes the themes of self-determination, dignity and perseverance; and

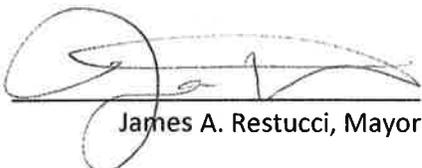
WHEREAS, the Big Read aims to revive literary reading in America; therefore, in support of this goal, there will be book discussions, dramatic presentations, movie viewings and other programs held throughout the City of Sunnyside.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James A. Restucci, Mayor of the City of Sunnyside, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October in the year 2013 as

“THE BIG READ MONTH”

and encourage all the city residents, both young and old, to read.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2013



James A. Restucci, Mayor