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### Family & Consumer Sciences Day Proclamation

**Whereas**, the profession of Family and Consumer Sciences had its beginning as home economics in 1899 when Ellen Swallow Richards, the first female graduate and faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, blazed a path using scientific knowledge to address the plight of families with regards to water quality, food safety and safety of home environments; and

**Whereas**, building on its strong foundation, Family and Consumer Sciences continues to use the family as its central focus, thereby expanding its content base to meet the ever-evolving needs of that entity; and

**Whereas**, Family and Consumer Sciences integrates the content areas of food, nutrition, and wellness, human development, personal and family finance, family relations, housing and interior design, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues to equip and empower individuals and families to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society; and

**Whereas**, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals help people develop the essential knowledge and skills to lead better lives, be work and career ready, build strong families and make meaningful contributions to our communities; and

**Whereas**, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals work in careers as diverse as secondary and higher education, Extension outreach, family and child services agencies, consumer protection, retail/business and as entrepreneurs; and

**Whereas**, the conditions impacting individuals and families today are at an all-time high which heightens the role of Family and Consumer Sciences professionals to use evidence-based approaches to help people lay the groundwork for long, healthy and successful lives.

**Whereas**, policy makers and the public, in general need an awareness and understanding of the relevance of Family and Consumer Sciences in addressing many of the problems facing individuals, families, and communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, [Public Official's name], [Title of Public Official] of [location], do hereby proclaim Friday, December 3, 2021, as

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in [location], and I urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned hereforth.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of [location], this [x] day of [month], 2021.

[Public Official's name],

[Title of Public Official]

Witness: [title], [name]