

PROCLAMATION 20260319

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 19-25, 2026 “FIND YOUR JOY”

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can find joy through exploration and discovery;

WHEREAS, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and cultural enrichment;

WHEREAS, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive;

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community;

WHEREAS, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success;

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime;

WHEREAS, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression;

WHEREAS, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “**Find Your Joy**”;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Cape Charles proclaims April 19–25, 2026, as National **Library Week** and encourages all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library helps our community find joy.

Adopted by the Town Council of Cape Charles on this 19th day of March 2026.

Andy Buchholz, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Hume, Town Clerk