

# MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of connection and build community;

**WHEREAS**, libraries connect people to technology, providing access to internet, computers, and training that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas through access to multimedia content, programs, classes and books;

**WHEREAS**, today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their resources;

**WHEREAS**, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all;

**WHEREAS**, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons;

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, **Mayor David Ruth, Jr.**, proclaim National Library Week, April 3-9, 2022. During this week, I encourage all residents to connect with their library by visiting online or in person to access resources and services.

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Mayor, David Ruth Jr.