

## MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses, serving their communities;

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

**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**, for people lacking broadband at home, libraries provide access to computers and wi-fi;

**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**, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves;

**WHEREAS**, in times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually;

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

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

**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, 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 David R. Ruth, Jr. proclaim National Library Week, April 4-10, 2021 with a theme of "Welcome to Your Library." During this week, I encourage all children and adults to visit their library and experience all the wonderful things it has to offer. Also thank a librarian and their staff members for making this wonderful institution possible. Because of them, Libraries transform lives and communities.

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Mayor, David Ruth Jr.