## **National Library Week Proclamation**

WHEREAS, today's libraries are more about what they can do with and for their communities, and not just about what they have on the shelves;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, often the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and academic campuses;

WHEREAS, libraries serve people of all ages, interests and backgrounds providing the resources and space to engage in life-long learning;

WHEREAS, libraries offer equipment and professional staff support to utilize technology, programs and services; often free or with nominal charges to users;

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all - regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, we recognize librarians as information professionals who provide expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and material, making their own informed decisions about the world today;

WHEREAS, librarians hold the professional values of diversity, equity and inclusion to meet the needs of all users;

WHEREAS, America is celebrating National Library Week for the immeasurable contributions made by library workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor of the City of Kaukauna, proclaim National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025 in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit our libraries and explore all that they offer.

Date this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor