



WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities; and

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

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; and

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

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

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

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; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the "Drawn to the Library";

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we, the City Council of the City of Mission proclaim April 6-12, 2025 as:

## "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"

During this week, we encourage all residents to visit the library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

PROCLAIMED on this the 24th day of March, 2025.

Norie	Gonzalez Garza, Mayor
Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman	Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem
Marissa Gerlach, Councilman	Alberto Vela, Councilman