

Proclamation Recognizing National Library Week

April 23-29, 2023

WHEREAS, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning by cultivating spaces for belonging, personal growth, and strong communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status, including veterans, active duty military and their families, small business owners, community organizations, and places of worship; and

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; and

WHEREAS, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, services, and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Palmer Lake, Colorado, proclaim **April 23-29, 2023**, as **National Library Week**. During this week, all residents are encouraged to visit the Pikes Peak Library District in person or online to access resources and services. Because of public members, Libraries continue to transform lives and communities.

DONE THIS 13th day of April, 2023, at Palmer Lake, Colorado.

TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Mayor Glant Havenar

Town Administrator/Clerk