Proclamation

*Declaring April 7-13, 2024, as National Library Week
in the City of Tualatin*

WHEREAS, libraries offer the opportunity for everyone to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue their passions, no matter where they are on life's journey; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, striving to ensure equitable access to information and services for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, developing and expanding collections, programs, and services that are as diverse as the populations they serve; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas and become their best selves through access to multimedia content, programs, and technology – in addition to books; and

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals, creating thriving communities for a better tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, libraries are an essential public good and fundamental institutions in democratic societies, working to improve society, protect the right to education and literacy, and promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

WHEREAS, Tualatin residents have a long history of strong support for public libraries, library workers, and library volunteers; and

WHEREAS, library supporters and advocates across the nation are joining together to celebrate National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, Oregon, that the week of April 7-13, 2024, is National Library Week. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit their library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities libraries unlock for us every day.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2024.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____
                                 Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
                              City Recorder