

**National Library Week 2019
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, today's libraries are not just about books but what they do for and with people;

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

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise;

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

WHEREAS, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues;

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information;

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I [*name, title of official*] proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.