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PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2018

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools;

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania librarians are organizers and information experts who for centuries have guided people to the best information resources. Librarians provide the expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and information, making their own informed decisions about the worlds they navigate;

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania librarians continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies, particularly as society continues to transition the way in which information is shared and explored across a digital landscape;

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania libraries and librarians offer more than books, offering opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services that more closely connect communities and their needs;

WHEREAS, April 10 is National Library Workers Day, a day for all library staff, volunteers and supporters to highlight the immeasurable contributions made by libraries; April 11 is National Bookmobile Day, a day recognizing the importance of libraries being available beyond their physical structure; and April 12 is honored as Take Action for Libraries day, a day which encourages everyone to recognize how libraries enhance communities and the quality of life for the patrons served;

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania libraries and librarians open a world of possibilities through Makerspaces and introductions to STEM programs, workforce development, nutrition and physical activity programs, life-planning seminars and instilling a sense of the power of reading and lifelong education;

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Library Association's PA Forward initiative provides a collective voice for libraries throughout the commonwealth to tell their stories and build capacity for the work they do with and for patrons;

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania libraries work to serve all community members, including people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, and the most vulnerable in our communities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity;


WHEREAS, Pennsylvania libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week, which is celebrating its 60th year in 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Thomas Madigan, Supervisor, proclaim National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018. Residents are encouraged to visit their local libraries this week and beyond, exploring all the libraries have to offer. Remember, literacy is power. Libraries provide the fuel to move Pennsylvania forward.

SIGNED this 9th day of April, 2018.


Sheryl Snyder
Township Secretary




Thomas Madigan
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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