

## **National Library Week 2017 Proclamation**

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

**WHEREAS**, librarians are organizers and information experts who for centuries have guided people to the best information resources, providing expertise that adds meaning to facts; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies, especially as our society is at a critical juncture regarding the changing information landscape and the skills needed to thrive in our digital world; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional roles by providing more opportunities for community engagement and delivering services that connect with patrons' needs; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians open a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programing, community partnerships, job-seeking resources and the power of reading; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries work to serve all community members, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity; and

**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 9-15, 2017. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week, explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.