



Proclaiming

The Week of April 7 – 13 *National Library Week in Ventura County*

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

WHEREAS, libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, thus contributing to local prosperity and growth; and

WHEREAS, libraries make choices that are good for the environment and make sense economically, creating thriving communities for a better tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, libraries are treasured institutions that preserve our collective heritage and knowledge, safeguarding both physical and digital resources for present and future generations; 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, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 7 – 13, 2024 as National Library Week and encourage all residents to visit their library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us every day. *Ready, Set, Library!*

Presented on this 9th day of April 2024


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