CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Approval of Proclamation
National Library Week
April 23-29, 2023

DATE: April 17, 2023

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:

Libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Proclamation recognizing National Library Week

Lead Staff Member: Darryl Eschete, Library Director

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Darryl Eschete, Library Director
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

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SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

National Library Week
2023 Proclamation

WHEREAS, public libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their interests and passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to thrive and excel;

WHEREAS, public libraries have long served as trusted institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, social class or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, public libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the people they serve and ensure service and access for all;

WHEREAS, public libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually assessing and evolving their collections, services, and partnerships;

WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs;

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

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, providing a neutral venue for the free exchange of information and the respectful exploration of differing viewpoints and ideas for all;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Russ Trimble, Mayor of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 23-29, 2023 as

"National Library Week"

and I encourage all residents to visit their library to explore the wealth of resources available.

Signed this 17th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

Russ Trimble, Mayor

Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk