

A PROCLAMATION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 6-12, 2025 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN THE CITY OF POMONA

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of connection and build community; and

WHEREAS, libraries connect people to technology, providing access to broadband Internet, computers, and online resources that are critical for accessing educational, recreational, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, libraries are changing and dynamic places and librarians are the ultimate search engine, helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online; and

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS libraries play an important part in preserving and making accessible materials relevant to our local history, providing information to scholars, researchers, and enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role during times of crisis, supporting their communities both in person and virtually; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the “digital divide;” and

WHEREAS, awareness and support must be increased for libraries, librarians and library workers by raising their visibility in a positive context and by communicating clearly and strongly why libraries are both unique and valuable and how librarians provide the information literacy skills that people need to succeed throughout life; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, creed, sexual orientation, ability, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE POMONA CITY COUNCIL, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2025 as

“NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”

and encourage all residents to take advantage of the variety of resources available at their school, campus or public library, and urge them to thank librarians and library workers for providing valuable services and making information accessible to all who walk through the library doors.

Dated this 7th day of April 2025.