PROCLAMATION

05-2024

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2024

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 any criteria except behavior, and without discrimination; 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 rights to education, literacy, to choose and to read, 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13, 2024. During this week, the Board encourages all residents to visit their library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us every day. Ready, Set, Library!

Adopted this the 8th day of April, 2024.

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Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest: _____
Abigail Rich, County Clerk