

# PROCLAMATION

**"NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2023"**

**April 23-29, 2023**

**Theme: "There's More to the Story"**

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life;

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

**WHEREAS**, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all;

**WHEREAS**, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, services, and partnerships;

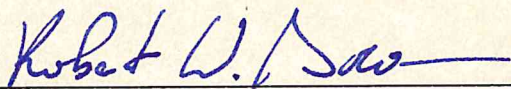
**WHEREAS**, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs;

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

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

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

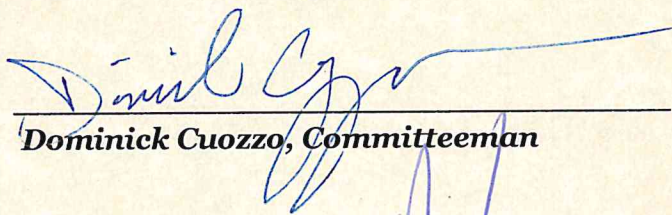
**NOW, THEREFORE**, that the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Plumsted, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey be it resolved that they proclaim National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023. During this week, I encourage all residents to connect with their library by visiting online or in person to access resources and services. Because of you, libraries transform lives and communities.



**Robert Bowen, Mayor**



**Herbert Marinari, Deputy Mayor**



**Dominick Cuzzo, Committeeman**



**Leonard Grilletto, Committeeman**



**Michael Hammerstone, Committeeman**