## PROCLAMATION

## "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2024"

April 7-13, 2024

Theme: "Ready, Set, Library!"

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 socioeconomic 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, developing and expanding collections, programs, and services that are as diverse as the populations they serve;

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

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

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

WHEREAS, libraries are treasured institutions that preserve our collective heritage and knowledge, safeguarding both physical and digital resources for present and future generations;

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;

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 7-13, 2024. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit their library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us every day.

Dominick Cuozzo, Mayor

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