

THE OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WAYNESBORO  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**PROCLAMATION** (P23-03)

**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 strive to be trusted and welcoming 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**, be it resolved that I, Mayor Lana Williams, proclaim

**National Library Week**

April 23-29, 2023. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library to explore the wealth of resources available.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Waynesboro to be affixed this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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LANA WILLIAMS, MAYOR  
CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA