

RECOGNITION OF APRIL 6-12, 2025, AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

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;

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 race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status;

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, the theme of National Library Week 2025 is Drawn to the Library; welcoming young families to story time, students working on their next creative project in the Makerspace; seniors seeking tech help and reading recommendations; and the great realm of interests throughout our community;

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 community hubs; a place for community members to learn, connect, and give back to their community by volunteering and supporting local programs and services;

WHEREAS, libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing internet and technology access, supporting literacy skills, and offering resources and assistance for students, job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses;

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

WHEREAS, libraries are an essential public good and a fundamental institution in democratic societies, working to improve society, protect the right to education and literacy, celebrate our collective history, 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, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025, and encourages all residents to visit their library, make your mark by volunteering or spreading the word, and take advantage of the wonderful programs, services, and resources at our libraries.

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