

***RECOGNITION OF APRIL 7-13, 2019, AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
April 10, 2019***

WHEREAS, today's libraries are not just about books but what they do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools, and campuses; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs, and expertise; and

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

WHEREAS, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week, with the theme "Libraries = Strong Communities."

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Mayor Karyl Matsumoto and the City Council of the City of South San Francisco do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2019, as National Library Week in South San Francisco and encourage all residents to visit their library this week and explore what's new at their library and take advantage of the wonderful programs, services, and resources available.