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IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 3-9, 2022 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN SAN BENITO COUNTY

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of connection and build community;

WHEREAS, libraries connect people to technology, providing access to broadband internet, computers, and training that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas and become their best selves through access to multimedia content, programs, and classes – in addition to books;

WHEREAS, today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their resources;

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually;

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

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 PROCLAIMED that we, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, proclaim April 3-9, 2022 to be National Library Week. We encourage all residents to connect with their San Benito County Free Library by visiting online or in person to access its invaluable resources and services.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 12th day of April 2022.

Bea Gonzales, Chair
San Benito County Board of Supervisors