



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools; and

WHEREAS, librarians continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies, especially as our society is at a critical juncture regarding the changing information landscape and the skills needed to thrive in our digital world; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians open up a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programming, Makerspaces, job-seeking resources and the power of reading; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and deliver new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and affect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Pete Rust, do hereby proclaim April 19th thru April 25th as

National Library Week

I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian. Because of you and our experts in the library, Libraries Transform.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 7th day of April 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Rust". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Pete Rust, Mayor