## City of El Paso de Robles PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2023

**W**HEREAS, since the founding of the Carnegie Library in the City of El Paso de Robles in 1908, City leaders have recognized that libraries are cornerstones of democracy promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, the Paso Robles City Library's current 5-year strategic plan was endorsed by City Council, ensuring high-quality library services, materials, and staffing to enhance quality-of-life pursuits and to support workforce development in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Paso Robles City Library continues to serve as a place to gather, offering opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas through multimedia content, free access to high speed Internet, classes, and events – in addition to over 100,000 print books and eBooks; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians and library workers empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information and guiding people to the best information resources; and

**W**HEREAS, our valued library workers and dedicated volunteers are joining library supporters across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.

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Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steven W. Martin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week. I encourage Paso Roblans to visit their City Library this week to explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 18th day of April 2023, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

> Steven W. Martin, Mayor City of El Paso de Robles