

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 19–25, 2026 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN THE CITY OF HERCULES

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can find joy through exploration and discovery; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community; and

WHEREAS, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success; and

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through story times, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression; and

WHEREAS, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “Find Your Joy.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Chris Kelley, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim April 19–25, 2026, as National Library Week. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library helps our community find joy.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 28th day of April 2026.

Chris Kelley, Mayor