

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

National Library Week 2017

WHEREAS, *The Paso Robles City Council recognizes that libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people; and*

WHEREAS, *April 9th–15th is National Library Week recognizing that since the beginning of written language libraries have served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools; and*

WHEREAS, *Tuesday, April 11th has been named National Library Worker Day in acknowledgment of librarians and library workers as information organizers and information experts. Since the completion of the Carnegie Library in City Park in 1908, our City librarians and support staff have guided people to the best information resources, providing not just facts but also the expertise and services that add meaning to those facts; and*

WHEREAS, *Librarians and library workers 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 are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement, keeping pace with information technology, and delivering new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and*

WHEREAS, *The Paso Robles City Library currently has nearly 24,000 cardholders, collaborates with local schools, supports our local economy, and encourages literacy for all in our community; and*

WHEREAS, *The Paso Robles City Library and public libraries in general support democracy and effect 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 work to serve all community members, including people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, and the most vulnerable in our communities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity.*

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 9-15, 2017 as **National Library Week** and Tuesday, April 11th as **National Library Worker Day**. I encourage all residents to visit the Paso Robles City Library this week, 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, on this 4th day of April 2017,
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*