



*Office of the Mayor*

# **P** r o c l a m a t i o n

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**WHEREAS, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions for all members of the community; and**

**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, and**

**WHEREAS, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, services, and partnerships; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and**

**WHEREAS, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JERRY MOUTON, Mayor of the City of Deer Park, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 23-29, 2023 as:**

## **“NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”**

**During this week, I encourage all residents to connect with their library to explore the wealth of resources available.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Deer Park to be affixed hereto this Eighteenth Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty Three, A.D.**

**Jerry Mouton, Mayor  
City of Deer Park, Texas**