

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS libraries have long served as trusted institutions, striving to ensure equitable access to information and services for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status, and

WHEREAS libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, developing and expanding collections, programs, and services that are as diverse as the populations they serve, and

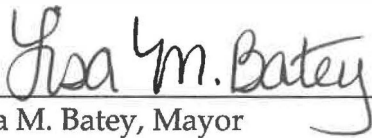
WHEREAS libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals, and

WHEREAS libraries are an essential public good and fundamental institutions in democratic societies, working to improve society, protect the right to education and literacy, and promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, and

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

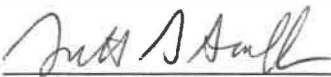
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa M. Batey, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 7-13, 2024**, to be **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** in Milwaukie.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of **April 2024**. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit our library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us every day. Ready, Set, Library!



Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

