

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities; and

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

**WHEREAS** libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning dedicated while librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all; and

**WHEREAS** libraries provide free and fair access to books, tools, and programming, ensuring all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive; as well as protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression; and


**WHEREAS** libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increasing efficiency, and expanding access to essential services, strengthening the entire community; Libraries also 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, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week under the theme **"Drawn to the Library."**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to be NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK in Milwaukie, and I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.**

  
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Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

