

## PROCLAMATION

**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 regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; 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, advance understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and

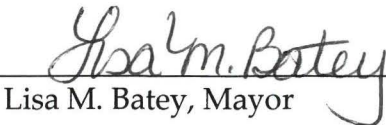
**WHEREAS** libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

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

**WHEREAS** the City of Milwaukie wishes to recognize National Library Week in recognition of the importance of libraries in our community and in appreciation of the staff who do so much to make the Ledding Library a regional destination.

**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 23-29, 2023**, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit our library to explore the wealth of resources available.

  
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Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

