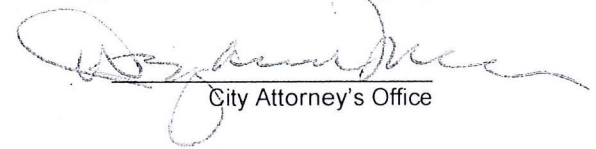


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY
AND MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 10TH TO 16TH, 2016 TO BE "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS OF OAKLAND TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY THE FREE RESOURCES AND SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THEIR LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library serves our community in 18 locations in neighborhoods throughout Oakland, online (24 hours per day, 7 days each week), and at various events such as Love our Lake Day, EarthEXPO, the Oakland Book Festival, and the Oakland Museum of California's 'Off the Grid' gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library's mission statement reads, "Your Oakland Public Library empowers all people to explore, connect, and grow;" and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library collaborates with the Oakland Literacy Coalition, Oakland Reads 2020, Children's Fairyland, and many others to encourage families and caregivers to Talk, Read, & Sing with their babies and toddlers to support early literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library provides free weekly story times for three distinct age groups -- in addition to special events such as the annual Summer Reading Challenge and the fun new Winter Bingo program -- to cultivate a love of books and reading in all youth; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library is a key player in the local discourse around equity of access to the internet and technology and narrowing the digital divide through working with Community Technology Network and local tech companies such as Google and Blue Wolf to provide technology training and mentorship opportunities to youth through its 'Ready, Set, Connect!' program; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library is a champion of collaboration and transformation, drawing together organizations such as other City departments, the Oakland Unified School District, nonprofits such as Bike East Bay and the Alameda County Community Food Bank, businesses, and individuals to make a real difference in the lives of everyone living in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library as an Oakland Promise Organizational Champion and as part of the White House ConnectED Library Challenge is working with the Oakland Unified School District to implement the OUSD Student ID as their Library Card; and

WHEREAS, the free resources -- including books in many languages, public computers, and Internet access -- and the opportunities that the Oakland Public Library makes available to our community are a foundation of the City's civic health; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Oakland City Council declares the week of April 10-16, 2016 to be "National Library Week" in the City of Oakland and encourages all residents of Oakland to explore and enjoy the free resources and services available at their local public library.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California