



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, libraries are not just about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people;

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools;

**WHEREAS**, librarians are leaders in their institutions and organizations, in their communities, in the nation and in the world;

**WHEREAS**, librarians continue to lead the way in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies;

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement, as well new services that connect closely with patrons' needs;

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians lead their communities in innovation, providing technology, children's programming, educational workshops, live performances and access and training for new technologies;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are pioneers supporting democracy and effecting social change, with a commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

**WHEREAS**, libraries lead in working with diverse communities, including people of color, immigrants and people with disabilities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Nick Girone, proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019. I encourage all residents to visit the W.T. Bland Public Library this week and explore what's new at your library.

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Nick Girone, Mayor

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Gwen Johns, City Clerk