

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, in observance of National Library Week, patrons are encouraged to visit one or more of the four San Bernardino Public Libraries, either in person or virtually at [www.sbpl.org](http://www.sbpl.org); and

**WHEREAS**, "*There's More to the Story*," is this year's theme from the American Library Association. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer endless opportunities to transform lives through education and lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, with the support of our Mayor and City Council, increased funding allowed for public service weekly hours to expand to 40 at each location, including a doubling of the three branch libraries' hours, in October 2021 with the addition of several full-time staff; and

**WHEREAS**, besides patrons checking out books, doing research, using a PC or enjoying free Wi-Fi - we offer various free activities, such as pre-school story time, crafts, workshops, author visits, entertainment programs, literacy services and classes to help people improve their lives at no cost; and

**WHEREAS**, our online services for remote learners including eBooks and eAudiobooks, homework help via chat and others were more valuable than ever to our patrons during the Covid-19 pandemic in the last few years; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries help change lives in their communities, serving people of every age, education level, ethnicity and physical ability; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 28,000 people have our city of San Bernardino library card; and

**WHEREAS**, our San Bernardino Public Library has served our community for 132 years and if there is any city that can benefit from a free public library - it is here.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, do hereby proclaim April 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as**

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

Presented this 19th day of April 2023