

**PROCLAMATION OF THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OBSERVING SEPTEMBER 2023, AS
NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP & LITERACY MONTH
IN THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

WHEREAS, in observance of September being National Library Card Sign-Up & Literacy Month, patrons are encouraged to visit one or more of the four San Bernardino Public Libraries, either in person to sign-up for a regular library card or virtually at www.sbpl.org to sign up for a digital library card to utilize online resources; and,

WHEREAS, weekly public service hours expanded to 40 hours, two years ago; and,

WHEREAS, people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer endless opportunities to transform lives through education and lifelong learning; serving people of every age, education level, ethnicity, and physical ability; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to patrons checking out books and doing research our libraries offer various free activities, such as pre-school story time, crafts, workshops, author visits, entertainment programs, literacy services and various classes to help people improve their lives without cost; and,

WHEREAS, our online services for remote learners including eBooks and eAudiobooks, homework help via chat and others have been more valuable than ever to our patrons during the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, more than 26,000 people have our library card; and,

WHEREAS, San Bernardino Public Library offers Literacy tutoring through the Jack L. Hill Lifelong Learning Center, providing services to adults, children, and families. Everyone is invited to participate in the many activities and events offered in the Learning Center, encouraging lifelong learning, and developing workforce training and skills; 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, the Mayor & City Council of the City of San Bernardino, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as National Library Card Sign-Up & Literacy Month.

Presented this 6th Day of September 2023