City of San Rafael Proclamation National Library Week - April 3 – 9, 2022

**WHEREAS**, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of connection and build community; and

WHEREAS, libraries connect people to technology, providing access to broadband internet, computers, and training that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas and become their best selves through access to multimedia content, programs, and classes – in addition to books; and

**WHEREAS**, today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; 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**, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, **KATE COLIN, Mayor of San Rafael**, hereby proclaim April 2 through 8, 2022 as National Library Week. During this week, I encourage all residents to connect with their library by visiting any of the San Rafael libraries online or in person to access resources and services.



Kate Colin Mayor

