



CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
PROCLAMATION 2023-1

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 23-29 AS
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN THE CENTRE REGION

WHEREAS, today's libraries are more about what they can do with and for their communities and not just about what they have on the shelves;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, often the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and academic campuses;

WHEREAS, libraries serve people of all ages, interests, and backgrounds, providing the resources and space to engage in life-long learning;

WHEREAS, libraries offer equipment and professional staff support to utilize technology, programs, and services, often free or with nominal charges to users;

WHEREAS, librarians hold the professional values of diversity, equity, and inclusion to meet the needs of all users;

WHEREAS, we recognize librarians as information professionals who provide expertise, services, and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and material, making their own informed decisions about the world today;

WHEREAS, libraries provide access to and display a wide range of information, not just a majority opinion or single perspective;

WHEREAS, libraries are constantly transforming and expanding services to meet the evolving needs of their communities;

WHEREAS, America is celebrating National Library Week, including April 25 as National Library Workers' Day and the immeasurable contributions made by library workers; April 26 as National Outreach Day, showing library services are not limited to their physical location; and April 27 as Take Action for Libraries Day encouraging community support for libraries;

WHEREAS, College, Ferguson, Harris, Halfmoon, and Patton Townships, and the Borough of State College, united as the Centre Region Council of Governments, support the Schlow Centre Region Library, value the important role our Library plays in our Region and each of our communities, and salute the outstanding work of our Library staff, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Centre Region Council of Governments proclaims April 23-29, 2023, as National Library Week in the Centre Region and encourages all residents to visit libraries and explore all they offer!

Attest:

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Eric Norenberg
Executive Director, Centre Region COG

By:

A blue ink signature of Jesse Barlow, written in a cursive style over a horizontal line.

Jesse Barlow
Chair, Centre Region COG