

Libraries provide free access to all – from books and online resources for families, to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining. Library infrastructure advances communities, providing internet and technology access; literacy skills; and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS,

Our state's school, academic, public, and special libraries make a difference in the lives of Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS,

Librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn, and work in Nebraska communities; and

WHEREAS,

Libraries serve as crucial technology hubs for people in need of broadband access, computer training, and assistance finding job resources; and

WHEREAS,

Libraries are places to connect to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes in addition to books; and

WHEREAS,

Libraries are an important attraction in our communities – places for opportunity, education, self-help, and lifelong learning – providing programs that teach all forms of literacy and promote lifelong learning and twenty-first-century skill development; and

WHEREAS,

Libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week: Ready, Set, Library!; and

WHEREAS,

National Library Week is celebrated in Nebraska with recognition of the Library of Congress, Center for the Book "Letters About Literature" State Award-Winning Young Writers.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of April 7 - 13, 2024, as



## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Nebraska, and I do hereby encourage all citizens to visit the library this week to take advantage of the library resources available.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this fifteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-four.

Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor