

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 7 THROUGH 13, 2019  
AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN CALAVERAS COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, today's libraries are not just about books and materials but about what libraries do for and with people;

**WHEREAS**, libraries of all kinds are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses all across America;

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted and valued institutions where everyone in the community is welcome and people of all backgrounds come together and connect;

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians offer services, programs and expertise which build strong communities;

**WHEREAS**, libraries promote the free exchange of information and ideas which are cornerstones of our democracy;

**WHEREAS**, libraries promote civic engagement by being a source of information and awareness about community events and issues;

**WHEREAS**, libraries and library workers partner with other civic organizations to help meet community needs;

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to accurate information;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are a resource for all members of the community, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors that April 7-13, 2019 is National Library Week in Calaveras County. We encourage all residents to visit the library this week, explore what's new and engage with library staff and volunteers. The library is supported by our county to expand your world and transform our community. We affirm that Libraries = Strong Communities.