

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1059

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing and declaring April 10 - 16,
8 2016, as National Library Week; encouraging residents
9 to visit a library; and providing for distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what they have for people,
12 but what they can do for and with people; and

13 WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured
14 institutions and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to
15 improve communities, campuses and schools; and

16 WHEREAS, libraries continue to evolve in a rapidly changing
17 world in order to serve communities and to continue to fulfill their
18 increasing role in providing access to technology and information
19 for all who seek it; and

20 WHEREAS, libraries and librarians open up a world of
21 possibilities through innovative Science, Technology, Engineering
22 and Mathematics (STEM) programming, Makerspaces, job-seeking
23 resources and the power of reading; and
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1 WHEREAS, libraries encourage literacy, provide learning
2 activities and offer equitable access to information for all
3 Oklahomans through every stage of life, from infancy through senior
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, libraries and librarians are looking beyond their
6 traditional roles and are providing more opportunities for community
7 engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with the
8 needs of customers including providing critical and timely
9 information related to health care, connecting employers and
10 potential employees, providing the unemployed with tools in their
11 search for jobs, providing crucial summer reading programs to
12 improve the achievement levels of children and providing services
13 essential to the survival and quality of life of each community; and

14 WHEREAS, libraries provide Oklahomans with reliable Wi-Fi
15 connectivity and reliable technology with which to connect people to
16 resources, to run businesses, to connect oil and gas workers out in
17 the field and to connect others in rural and urban settings alike;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, many Oklahoma public school students benefit from the
20 very special skillset, academic resources, up-to-date information,
21 Wi-Fi and reliable technology provided by a school library and
22 certified school librarian, while many home-schooled students and
23 others benefit from the up-to-date information and access to
24 technology offered by public libraries; and

1 WHEREAS, libraries in Oklahoma connect citizens to their
2 federal, state and local governments by providing access to
3 technologies and reliable connectivity; and

4 WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters
5 across America are celebrating National Library Week during the week
6 of April 10 - 16, 2016.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the
10 observance of April 10 - 16, 2016, as "National Library Week".

11 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby declares the
12 week of April 10 - 16, 2016, to be "National Library Week" in
13 Oklahoma.

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages all
15 residents of the state to visit a library during National Library
16 Week and explore what's new at libraries and to engage with a
17 librarian because "Libraries Transform".

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
19 Library Association.

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