

1 Introduced by Council Members Becton and Diamond:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-179**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 3 - 9, 2022 AS
6 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
7 DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, today's libraries are not only about what they have on
10 the shelves but also about what they can do with and for the community;
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12 **WHEREAS**, libraries play a critical role in the happiness of
13 Americans as communities that spend more on libraries, parks and
14 highways are shown to support the well-being of community members;
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16 **WHEREAS**, a growing body of evidence suggests that students'
17 academic success is linked to library usage, including improved
18 student retention and an enhanced academic experience; and

19 **WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians have long championed their
20 community members' right to access information privately, and serve
21 as an essential refuge where everyone can check out materials or
22 browse the internet without their information being shared; and

23 **WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians help citizens find tools to
24 help improve the quality of their life; and

25 **WHEREAS**, libraries, which promote the free exchange of
26 information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

27 **WHEREAS**, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and
28 collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve; and

29 **WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians work to create an equitable
30 society by providing free access to accurate information to all
31 people; and

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

6 **WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters
7 across America are celebrating National Library Week, now therefore

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

9 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes
10 National Library Week, April 3-9, 2022. During this time, we encourage
11 all residents to visit the library, a place where all can belong and
12 discover who we are. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

13 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

21 Office of General Counsel

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