

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICKASHA CHICKASHA, OKLAHOMA

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses, serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community; and

WHEREAS, today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their resources; and

WHEREAS, for people lacking broadband at home, libraries provide access to computers and wi-fi, even checking out internet hotspots and laptops; and

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; and

WHEREAS, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free

exchange of information and ideas for all; and WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all

members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Mosley, Mayor of the City of Chickasha proclaim April 4-10, 2021 as

"NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"

And encourage all residents to visit their library online to access resources and services. Because of you, Libraries transform lives and communities.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Chickasha to be affixed this 5th day of April

Chris Mosley, Mayor