



**PROCLAMATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

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

WHEREAS, libraries connect people to technology, providing access to broadband internet, computers, and training that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas and become their best selves through access to multimedia content, programs, and classes – in addition to books; 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, in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; 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, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; 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 are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Ruby Sisson Library is joining the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation to celebrate National Library Week with The Library Affair fundraising event on April 9, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado hereby proclaim April 3-9, 2022 as National Library Week. During this week, we encourage all residents to connect with their library by visiting online or in person to access resources and services.

Approved and Adopted in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado this 5th day of April, 2022.

Alvin Schaaf, Chairman, Archuleta Board of County Commissioners