

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can find joy through exploration and discovery;

**WHEREAS**, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and cultural enrichment;

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive;

**WHEREAS**, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community;

**WHEREAS**, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success;

**WHEREAS**, libraries nurture young minds through storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime;

**WHEREAS**, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression;

**WHEREAS**, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “**Find Your Joy**”;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council, do hereby proclaim April 19–25, 2026, as

## **National Library Week**

In the Town of Chapel Hill and encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library helps our community find joy.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX.

