RESOLUTION NO. - 23

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL $23^{\rm RD}$ TO APRIL $29^{\rm TH}$ AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning by cultivating spaces for belonging, personal growth, and strong communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status, including veterans, active duty military and their families, small business owners, community organizations, and places of worship; 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 adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, services, and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council recognizes April 23rd to April 29th as National Library Week and encourages all residents to connect with Pikes Peak Library District by visiting online or in person to access resources and services.

Dated	at	Col	orado	Springs,	Colorado	this 2	25™ da	ay of	April,	2023.

ATTEST:	Council President	
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk		