## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 22

## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL $3^{\text{RD}}$ to April $9^{\text{TH}}$ as NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, public 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 including veterans, active service military and their families, small business owners, community organizations, and churches regardless of race, religion, 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.

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

Section 1. The City Council recognizes April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Colorado Springs, Colorado this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:

Council President

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk