

Proclamation

- (Whereas,* libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning; offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities; and
- (Whereas,* libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning; and
- (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; and
- (Whereas,* libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community; and
- (Whereas,* libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success; and
- (Whereas,* libraries nurture young minds through story times, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime; and
- (Whereas,* libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression; and
- (Whereas,* dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all; and
- (Whereas,* libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to create National Library Week under the theme “Find Your Joy”;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, David Lesser, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2026 through April 25, 2026, as

National Library Week

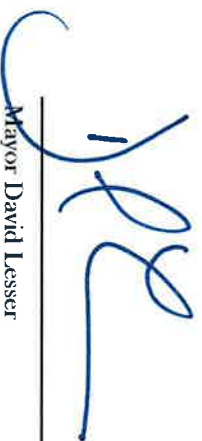
and encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library helps our community find joy.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tamura



Mayor David Lesser

