

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, today's libraries are not just about books but what they do for and with people; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community needs are being met; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2021, as

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all residents to explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.



  
TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR