## Proclamation

**Whereas**, public libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community; and

**Whereas**, public libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to books, information, data, technology, and educational programs; and

**Whereas**, Old Bridge Public Library was consistently recognized as the "Best" or "One of the Best" Public Libraries in Middlesex County by readers of the Home News Tribune; and

**Whereas**, in addition to providing traditional resources like books and research materials, Old Bridge Public Library is an innovative center for learning, recreation, and information 24/7; and

**Whereas**, Old Bridge Public Library is an official, U.S. State Department-designated passport acceptance facility, and offers passport photo service; and

**Whereas**, for those needing remote Wi-Fi service, for home or while traveling, the library also offers a limited number of mobile hot spots that can be borrowed; and

**Whereas**, public 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, public libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and

**Row, Therefore, 3,** Owen Henry, Mayor of the Township of Old Bridge, Township Council, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, declare the week of April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to be National Library Week in Old Bridge. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit the Old Bridge Public Library to access resources and services.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Old Bridge Township to be affixed on this 5th day of April, in the year Two Thousand & Twenty-Two.

Owen Henry, Mayo