

## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

## RECOGNIZING APRIL 4–10, 2021 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK "WELCOME TO YOUR LIBRARY"

**WHEREAS**, Libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses, serving their communities, and are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community; and

**WHEREAS**, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April; and

**WHEREAS**, It is a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians, and library personnel play in transforming lives, enriching families, and building community; and

**WHEREAS**, for people lacking broadband at home, libraries provide access to computers and wi-fi, even checking out internet hotspots and laptops; 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**, in times of crisis, libraries, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting their communities, both in person and virtually; and

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

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, This year's theme is "Welcome to your Library," which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, MAYOR UNA GLASS, on behalf of the entire City Council hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 4-10, 2021 and encourage all residents to visit our Sebastopol library because Libraries transforms lives and communities.

_	Mayor Una Glass	