

## **National Library Week 2023 Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life;

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

**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;

**WHEREAS**, libraries create opportunities for early education, literacy, and community for children and families of all backgrounds;

**WHEREAS**, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, including non-traditional formats such as a Library of Things, as well as their services, and partnerships;

**WHEREAS**, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs;

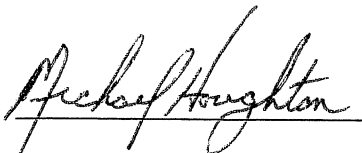
**WHEREAS**, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals;

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

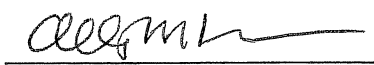
**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we the Stratham Select Board proclaim National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023 in the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit the Wiggin Memorial Library to explore the wealth of resources available.

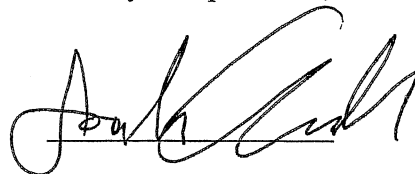
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hand this 17th day of April 2023, A.D.



**Michael Houghton, Chair**



**Allison Knab, Vice Chair**



**Joe Anderson**