



## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, libraries are essential institutions that offer the opportunity for everyone to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue their passions, no matter where they are on life's journey; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library support staff bring expert assistance, personal service and access to a wealth of resources and programs, both in person and online; and

WHEREAS, library professionals provide this invaluable service to library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, the library workers at Okanogan Public Library tirelessly serve our community, enriching lives and fostering literacy and lifelong learning through their expertise and commitment; and

WHEREAS, the passion and dedication of library professionals contribute to the cultural enrichment, educational advancement, economic development, and social cohesion of our city; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, library workers, and library supporters across America are celebrating the National Library Workers Day, sponsored by the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wayne L Turner, Mayor of the City of Okanogan, do proclaim Tuesday, April 9, 2024, as "National Library Workers Day." I encourage all in this community to take advantage of the variety of library resources available and to thank library workers for their exceptional contributions to American life.

Dated	this 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of April in the year 2024.
	Mayor
	Wayne L Turner