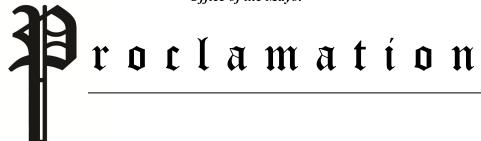


Office of the Mayor



WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities; and

WHEREAS, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community; and

WHEREAS, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success; and

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression; and

WHEREAS, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme "Drawn to the Library".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JERRY MOUTON, Mayor of the City of Deer Park, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2025 as:

## "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"

During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Deer Park to be affixed hereto this First Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty Five, A.D.