***PROCLAMATION***

POLK CITY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**WHEREAS,** libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of connection and build community; and

**WHEREAS,** libraries connect people to technology, providing access to broadband internet, computers, and training that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities; and

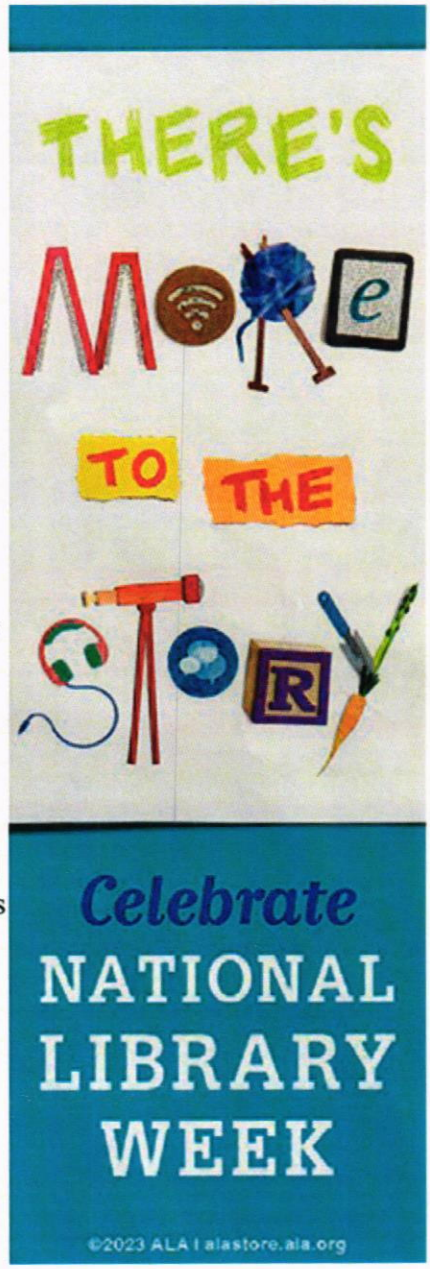
**WHEREAS,** libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas and become their best selves through access to multimedia content, programs, and classes – in addition to books; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Steve Karsjen, proclaim National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023. During this week, I encourage all residents to connect with their library by visiting online or in person to access resources and services.

***Dated this 10 day of April 2023***

Steve Karsjen

*Steve Karsjen, Mayor*