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Library Card Sign-up Month 2023 Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries play a crucial role in the education and development of children, from storytimes for preschoolers to college and career planning for high schoolers, fostering literacy and a love of reading;

WHEREAS, libraries are welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all backgrounds to learn together and engage with one another across cultural, ethnic, generational, and economic lines, strengthening the social fabric of the communities they serve;

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 help people of all ages navigate the complexities of life, providing access to research, information, and government services that allow everyone to lead more productive and fulfilling lives;

WHEREAS, libraries contribute to a strong local economy by providing access to the technology and training that are critical to the success of jobseekers, entrepreneurs, and students;

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually;

WHEREAS, the shared resources libraries offer reduce the number of items households buy and dispose of, providing an effortless way to save money, conserve resources, and reduce waste;

WHEREAS, a library card sparks creativity and empowers all people to explore new passions and interests and pursue a path of lifelong learning;

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

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, John D'Amato, Mayor, proclaim September Library Card Sign-up Month in Bloomingdale, New Jersey and encourage everyone to sign up for their own library card today.