Utah State Legislature
OFFICIAL CITATION
HONORING
National Library Lover's Month

WHEREAS, there are over 140 public libraries in Utah and hundreds of libraries in Utah schools and institutions of higher education that collectively serve millions of Utahns of all ages;

WHEREAS, libraries offer tens of thousands of educational, STEM, cultural, arts, entertainment, family, and business programs a year for children, teens, parents, seniors, and entrepreneurs;

WHEREAS, libraries support student success by fostering strong early literacy skills, homework help, test prep, coding instruction, creative labs, and other 21st century technology literacies that promote critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration;

WHEREAS, libraries support a prosperous, competitive, and healthy economy by offering workforce skills development, career planning programs, job-search assistance, research and resources to support small business creation, resources for people of all ages to develop and grow their knowledge and skills;

WHEREAS, libraries help families overcome intergenerational poverty by serving as community centers for lifelong learning, bridging the digital divide with access to public computers, WiFi and mobile hotspots, and by providing free resources and expert assistance to Utah residents in neighborhoods across the state who want to learn, grow, and develop their skills and creativity;
WHEREAS, libraries, as one of the most trusted civic institutions, are at the hub of numerous partnerships, extending community investments in all areas of civic society, thereby amplifying the reach, efficiency, and effectiveness of community organizations and government service providers;

WHEREAS, serving as a key and trusted partner to hundreds of agencies and nonprofits, libraries provide a vital service to Utah residents in need, helping to connect them with available resources, health information, and financial assistance, thereby helping Utahns lead longer, more productive, and fulfilling lives;

WHEREAS, the Utah Library Association, established in 1912, has continuously worked on behalf of Utahns for 110 years to carry out a mission of developing and improving library and information services for all residents in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that the Legislature recognizes February 2022 as Library Lovers Month in the State of Utah and urges everyone to learn about the resources, programs, and services available to them through their libraries and thank library workers for helping to make Utah a thriving, educated, interesting, and prosperous state.

Presented on this 22nd Day of February 2022:

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