NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Whereas, April 2023 has been designated the 38th Annual National School Library Month; and

Whereas, school libraries provide materials for teachers and students that will encourage growth and knowledge; and

Whereas, school libraries provide materials that will develop literacy skills, cultural awareness, aesthetic appreciation, and ethical standards to deepen analytical and critical thinking skills, expand upon their digital and computer literacy skills, as well as become more knowledgeable and confident information users; and

Whereas, school libraries provide materials which reflect the ideas and beliefs of different religious, social, political, historical and ethnic groups and their contributions to the American and world heritage and culture; and

Whereas, school libraries provide access to both physical and digital books to encourage children to read for pleasure; and

Whereas, school libraries provide materials to meet individual needs, varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and maturity levels of the students served; and

Whereas, school libraries serve as positive environments for all students to access and engage with a well-managed library that provides for free expression and access to ideas;

Now, therefore be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District declare the month of April 2023 as "School Library Month."

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