

## Adoption Resolution April 11, 2018

## RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the month of April 2018 has been designated nationally as School Library Month by the American Association of School Librarians; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Board of Education recognizes that learning to become effective users of information and ideas is an essential skill for students as they prepare for a future characterized by change; and

**WHEREAS,** school libraries provide materials that will develop literary, cultural, aesthetic appreciation, and ethical standards; and

**WHEREAS,** school libraries foster personalized learning experiences for students by providing collaborative work spaces and an environment conducive to reading and learning, creative expression, investigation and research, professional growth, and curriculum development and enhancement; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries promote both excellence and equity in education through the variety of educational resources and instruction provided by the school library program; and

**WHEREAS,** school librarians instruct students with the information skills necessary to think critically, draw conclusions, make informed decisions, and create and share knowledge in preparation for lifelong learning as well as adult decision making and citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, it is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to school library programs and the role of certified school librarians in education throughout the state of New Jersey; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize April 2018 as School Library Month in New Jersey.

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