

## Michigan Library Appreciation Month October 2024

WHEREAS, the Michigan Library Association (MLA) annually designates the month of October as a statewide observance to celebrate the contributions of Michigan's public, school, academic, tribal, cooperative, and special libraries;

WHEREAS, Michigan's libraries are essential institutions that serve as cornerstones of knowledge, learning, and community engagement, inspiring us to go further in our educational and personal journeys; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in fostering education, lifelong learning, and literacy for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, encouraging everyone to go explore new ideas and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide a welcoming and inclusive environment that encourages exploration, discovery, and personal growth, inviting us all to go discover the wealth of resources available; and

WHEREAS, libraries serve as cultural hubs, offering access to a diverse array of resources including books, digital media, educational programs, and technology, motivating us to go engage with our communities and cultures; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a significant role in promoting intellectual freedom and the right to access information, enabling individuals to make informed decisions and engage in open discourse, empowering us to go make a difference; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide essential services to underserved communities, bridging the digital divide and offering critical support for job seekers, students, and individuals seeking to improve their lives, helping us all to go achieve our goals; and

WHEREAS, library professionals are dedicated advocates for literacy, education, and civic engagement, working tirelessly to connect patrons with the resources they need to succeed, encouraging us to go reach our full potential; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of libraries and millions of library supporters across Michigan are celebrating Michigan Library Appreciation Month this October; now,

THEREFORE, be it Resolved that the Council of the Village of Pinckney does hereby proclaim October 2024 as **Michigan Library Appreciation Month**. During this time, we encourage all residents, community organizations, and public officials to join in celebrating the libraries in our state. Let's go to the library, explore new worlds, and discover the countless ways in which libraries enrich our lives and contribute to the betterment of society. Let's Go!