



State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
April 17, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of April 2019, 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 information literacy skills are essential for students to become independent, informed citizens; and

WHEREAS, school libraries contribute to developing a culture of innovation and creativity for students by delivering personalized learning experiences for students through its use of collaborative work spaces and an environment that allows for reading and learning, investigation and research, and the lifelong pursuit of knowledge; and

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

WHEREAS, school libraries contribute to students' well-being and their social and emotional learning needs providing equitable access to resources and instruction; and

WHEREAS, the full potential of school libraries is dependent upon trained professional school library media specialists whose varied skills assist teachers and students in effectively using the wide range of information resources; and

WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to school library programs and the role of certified school library media specialists 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 2019 as School Library Month in New Jersey.

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