

PROCLAMATION

Friends of the Library Week

October 19-25, 2025

WHEREAS, Since 2005, the American Library Association has promoted National Friends of the Library Week during the third week of October to celebrate and promote friends groups who support libraries across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Lodi Public Library play a vital role in supporting and enhancing library services for the entire community, by generously contributing their time, energy, and resources to advocate for library programs, sponsor special events, fund literacy initiatives, and provide financial assistance for materials and technology beyond the library's budget; and

WHEREAS, through book sales, fundraising, and community partnerships, the Friends help ensure the Lodi Public Library remains a vibrant and welcoming space where everyone can access information, explore creativity, and connect with one another; and

WHEREAS, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide innovative programming for all ages, foster lifelong learning, and support equitable access to information and resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi recognizes the invaluable contributions of the Friends of the Lodi Public Library and their dedication to enriching the lives of residents through their steadfast support; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Cameron Bregman, Mayor of the City of Lodi, do hereby proclaim the week of October 19-25, 2025 as Friends of the Lodi Public Library Week and encourage all residents to celebrate the Friends' outstanding service, advocacy, and commitment to the Lodi community.

SIGNED this 15th day of October, 2025.