



## NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA ASSOCIATION

### School Library Month Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, April has been designated nationally as School Library Month since 1985; and

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

**WHEREAS**, school libraries connect teachers with resources to use to personalize learning for their students; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries offer safe, engaging, and collaborative learning environments that encourage knowledge creation; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries provide resources for students to use to meet their college, career, and life goals; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries enable students to access, evaluate, and use information to be digitally literate citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries supply books in a variety of formats to support literacy instruction and encourage students to read for pleasure; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries help bridge the digital divide and close achievement gaps;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Carolina State Board of Education and North Carolina's Superintendent of Public Schools declare the month of April as "School Library Month" and thereby encourage each of North Carolina's local school boards to adopt a similar resolution and to participate throughout the month of April in celebrating school library programs.

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