

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing April 10-16, 2016, as National Library Week

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in participating in important weeks of recognition; and

WHEREAS, The week of April 10-16, 2016, has been designated National Library Week; and

WHEREAS, First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April; and

WHEREAS, National Library Week is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians, and library workers; and

WHEREAS, The theme for 2016, "Libraries Transform," symbolizes the many resources that are available at libraries, including books, periodicals, and internet access; and

WHEREAS, The 2016-2017 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and award-winning graphic novelist, Gene Luen Yang, will serve as Honorary Chair of National Library Week; and

WHEREAS, Libraries are a treasured part of American culture, and a valuable resource on a wide variety of popular topics; and

WHEREAS, New York State residents are served by approximately 755 public libraries with over 1,100 branches and outlets; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we recognize the significant impact libraries may have on individuals, and the invaluable services they provide to residents of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize April 10-16, 2016, as National Library Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director of the New York Library Association.