

RESOLUTION NO. RES-23-0152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 1ST THROUGH OCTOBER 7TH OF 2023 AS NATIONAL BANNED BOOKS WEEK IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, A TIME OF CELEBRATION IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, National Banned Books Week encourages open dialogue about controversial and challenging ideas, and celebrates the freedom to read books without restriction; and

WHEREAS, Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges towards books in libraries, bookstores, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is home to the Friends of Long Beach Public Library (“LBPL”), an all-volunteer non-profit whose mission is to preserve the public library as a place of intellectual freedom and guard against censorship; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of LBPL advocate for a strong public library system to keep the community informed on current issues regarding libraries, and help build community awareness and enthusiasm for LBPL services; and

WHEREAS, this event supports the City of Long Beach’s values of exchanging ideas, the right to access information, the importance of nurturing a well-informed citizenry, and promotes the City’s vibrant culture scene and diverse population;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby recognizes the week of October 1st through October 7th of 2023 in the City of Long Beach as National Banned Books Week to celebrate reading and support the movement against challenging books in libraries,

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1 bookstores, and schools, thus regarding this week as a Time of Celebration in the City of  
2 Long Beach.

3 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
4 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

5 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council  
6 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of October 17, 2023, by the  
7 following vote:

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9 Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Duggan, Supernaw, Kerr,  
10 Saro, Uranga, Austin, Allen.

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13 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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15 Absent: Councilmembers: Ricks-Oddie.

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17 Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

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