



PROCLAMATION

presented for

National Library Month

April 2005

Whereas, the Long Beach Public Library provides something for everyone; and

Whereas, libraries are community centers for literacy, education, information and recreation and play a vital role in providing the citizens of Long Beach with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and

Whereas, libraries are changing and dynamic places and librarians are the ultimate search engine, helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online; and

Whereas, the Long Beach Public Library, with the support of the Library Foundation, the Friends of the Library and other community organizations, places a high priority on serving our youth and neighborhoods through Family Learning Centers, the annual Long Beach Reads One Book celebration, and a network of neighborhood libraries; and

Whereas, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and

Whereas, awareness and support must be increased for libraries to keep the dream alive; and

Whereas, April 2005 has been declared National Library Month with the theme: "Something for Everyone @ Your Library®."

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2005, National Library Month in Long Beach and I encourage all residents of our community to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library's doors. Come see why there's something for everyone @ your library®.



Beverly O'Neill

Dated: April 5, 2005



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Fair Housing Month

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*Whereas*, one of the greatest freedoms enjoyed by Americans is the freedom to live in a home of one's choice; and

*Whereas*, this promise made to us by the Nation's Fair Housing Law which requires that all people be treated equally in connection with sale or rental of housing, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, age, familial status or religion; and

*Whereas*, this year marks the 37th anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act, the original legislation targeting the elimination of housing discrimination in America; and

*Whereas*, since the adoption of the fair housing legislation in April 1968, April has been designated Fair Housing Month, and each year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Fair Housing Foundation organizes events and activities during this month to focus attention on the issue of equal opportunity in housing; and

*Whereas*, April is Fair Housing Month throughout the nation, we are asking each resident of the City of Long Beach to support efforts to put into practice the principles of freedom, justice and quality upon which this great nation was founded;

*Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month.



*Beverly O'Neill*  
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MAYOR

Dated: April 5, 2005