Proclamation

City of Longview, Washington

National Library Week April 12-18, 2015

WHEREAS, our nation's libraries are modern community centers for education, culture, information and entertainment and play a vital role in providing millions of people 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, in a world that's information rich, librarians are information smart, and help ensure a society where everyone is information literate; and

WHEREAS, libraries are places of opportunity that change lives. Libraries are part of the American dream. They are a place for education, self-help, economic development, and lifelong learning. They provide access to information which is vital in an open, democratic society. And because they offer free access to all, they bring opportunity to all; and

WHEREAS, libraries bring you the world. Libraries are unique. In person or online, libraries allow access to nearly anything in print or on the Web as well as personal service in finding it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Jensen, Mayor of the City of Longview, do hereby proclaim the April 12-18, 2015 to be

"NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"

in Longview, Washington, and encourage all residents to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians for making information available to all who walk through the library's doors.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Longview to be affixed this 9^{th} day of April, 2015.

Don Jensen, Mayor