

A RESOLUTION NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2009

WHEREAS, libraries are vital to a community's well-being, touching the lives of millions of Americans daily and providing opportunities for education, culture, self-help and lifelong learning; **and**

WHEREAS, libraries serve as educational hubs, technology centers and learning outlets for residents regardless of age, income, neighborhood or employment; **and**

WHEREAS, Charleston County Public Library's community commitment and public service excellence has been recognized repeatedly through the years on the state, national and international levels; **and**

WHEREAS, most recently, Charleston County Public Library was named one of the best library systems in the nation by *Library Journal* in its first-ever comparison of 7,115 public libraries across the country; **and**

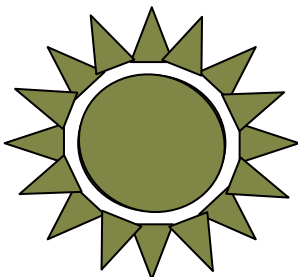
WHEREAS, this recognition places Charleston County Public Library in the top 3 percent of libraries nationwide and makes it one of only 11 libraries in the entire Southeast Region to be acknowledged; **and**

WHEREAS, Charleston County Public Library was ranked as the busiest public library system statewide in the most recent comparison by the S.C. State; **and**

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2008, Charleston County Public Library circulated more than 3.42 million items, attracted more than 2 million visitors, answered nearly 1.93 million reference questions and drew more than 147,500 attendees to 4,764 public programs, workshops, training classes and events.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **Charleston County Council**, praises the excellent service **Charleston County Public Library** provides to its citizens and declares the week of April 12th through 18th, 2009, as National Library Week, encouraging residents to visit their local library, learn about the library's exceptional resources and services, and thank the library's staff for their continuing commitment to improving our community.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL



Signed: *Teddy E. Pryor*
Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman

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