

# **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, libraries are foundational to education, imagination, and opportunity, offering everything from early literacy programs to digital tools that support lifelong learning and personal growth;

**WHEREAS**, libraries welcome all people, serving as inclusive and accessible community hubs that connect individuals across cultures, generations, and experiences;

**WHEREAS**, libraries curate collections and design programs that reflect the diversity of the populations they serve, ensuring equitable access to information, technology, and culture for all;

**WHEREAS**, libraries help individuals navigate life's challenges by providing trusted information, digital access, job search support, and connections to essential services;

**WHEREAS**, libraries contribute to thriving local economies by equipping job seekers, entrepreneurs, students, and creators with tools and training to succeed;

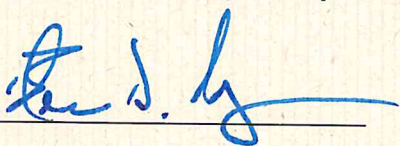
**WHEREAS**, in times of both crisis and calm, libraries and their staff remain steadfast in supporting and strengthening their communities;

**WHEREAS**, library resources help households save money, reduce waste, and make sustainable choices, all through the simple power of a shared public good;

**WHEREAS**, a library card opens doors to endless possibilities, from books and technology to lifelong learning and imagination;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Pope County Judge Ben Cross, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as Library Card Sign-up Month in Pope County, and encourage all residents to sign up for a library card and explore the endless possibilities it offers.

*Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2025*



Ben D. Cross

Pope County Judge

