



**Adoption Resolution  
April 2, 2014**

*State of New Jersey*

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Resolution to Recognize April 2014 as School Library Month**

**WHEREAS**, the quest for knowledge and achievement by students is stimulated and developed through the use of educational resources and instruction provided by school library programs that are staffed by professional certified school librarians; and

**WHEREAS**, school library programs provide the means for students to gain cultural understandings and enhance global communication skills in a digital environment; and

**WHEREAS**, school library programs teach the skills of effectively locating and ethically using information through traditional resources and new technologies to provide literature appreciation activities and to guide and encourage informational and recreational reading to every student; and

**WHEREAS**, the school library program helps students find texts on any topic of interest across a range of complexity, so they are engaged in something they are interested in at a level that is challenging for them; and

**WHEREAS**, school librarians teach students to inquire, think critically, draw conclusions, make informed decisions, and create and share knowledge in preparation for college and the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, it is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to school library programs and the role of certified school librarians in education throughout the state of New Jersey; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize April 2014 as School Library Month in New Jersey.

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David C. Hesper, Acting Commissioner  
Acting Secretary, NJ State Board of Education

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NJ State Board of Education