

**National Library Week 2011
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, libraries provide free access to all – from books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining;

WHEREAS, our nation’s school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans today, more than ever;

WHEREAS, libraries are helping level the playing field for job seekers, with 88% of public libraries providing access to job databases and other online resources;

WHEREAS, libraries are places of opportunity providing programs that teach all forms of literacy, promoting continuing education and encouraging lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, in times of economic hardship, Americans turn to – and depend on – their libraries and library workers;

WHEREAS, the Albany community celebrates National Library Week every year;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Farid Javandel, Mayor of the City of Albany, California proclaim National Library Week, April 10-16, 2011. I encourage all residents to visit the Albany Library this week to take advantage of our wonderful library resources.

Farid Javandel, Mayor