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**PROCLAMATION**  
**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2012**

**WHEREAS**, libraries are part of the American dream, places for education, opportunity and lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and library staff work to meet the changing needs of their users, including building collections, expanding outreach services and increasing programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, design and offer programs to meet the community's recreational, educational and social needs, providing residents with job hunting workshops, quality family events including performances and crafts, poetry writing and reading, book discussion groups and story times; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Library receives generous funds from the Friends of the Albany Library that enable the Library to provide many of these programs, as well as funds to expand library collections of books, CDs and DVDs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Library partners with many other community groups such as the Albany YMCA, the Albany Community Foundation, the Albany Unified School District, the Albany Arts Commission and the City of Albany to provide services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Library continues to expand its business, increasing circulation by 10% during the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, library workers and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that I, Farid Javandel, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby recognize National Library Week, April 8-14, 2012. I encourage all residents to visit our library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at the Albany library.

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

Attest:

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