



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative (OCPLC) was established on October 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the founding members of the OCPLC were the Cities of Niceville, Mary Esther and Crestview; and

WHEREAS, in October 1999, the Cities of Destin, Fort Walton Beach and Valparaiso doubled the strength of the Cooperative by joining as new members; and

WHEREAS, establishment of the Cooperative's strong network of public libraries makes possible a literate, informed citizenry comprised of diverse individuals; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative member libraries provide the welcoming facilities, books, Internet access, learning experiences and online resources to help our children thrive in school and beyond; to help adults pursue lifelong learning; and to develop the workforce and promote entrepreneurship and support small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the OCPLC has become the trusted source of quality library service to all residents of Okaloosa County, now and into the future, through its commitment to education, exploration and engagement for all ages; and

WHEREAS, being instrumental in establishment of the Cooperative and steadfast in decades of support to OCPLC, the participating cities have been champions of libraries in Okaloosa County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Crestview does hereby PROCLAIM and RECOGNIZE the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative for 25 years of library service to all residents of the County.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY:

**Mayor JB Whitten
City of Crestview**