



# Official Proclamation

## City of Hastings, Michigan

### In Recognition

### Hastings Public Library 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Whereas:** the groundwork for the Hastings Public Library first was laid in 1896 when the local Women's Club donated books for the establishment of a "membership only" lending library in the community, and
- Whereas:** the Hastings Public Library has operated from a variety of locations over the last 120 years, moving to their current facility and opening its doors on June 9, 2007, and
- Whereas:** the Hastings Public Library has the distinction of being the first GOLD Leed Certified Library for Architectural Design in the State of Michigan, and
- Whereas:** the Hastings Public Library enjoys direct support from three local units of government with a combined population of 13,200 residents, and provides a broad range of services to an average of 13,500 patrons that pass through its doors each month, and
- Whereas:** the Hastings Public Library has a staff of 13 dedicated professionals, with another 75 volunteers aiding in the provision of library services, and has a collection of over 65,000 items, housed in an 18,000 square foot facility in downtown Hastings, and
- Whereas:** all of the operations and activities at the Hastings Public Library are provided under the prudent oversight of the Hastings Public Library Board of Directors, with members representing Hastings Charter Township, Rutland Charter Township and the City of Hastings serving on the Board.

**Now Therefore,** I, Mayor Franklin L. Campbell, on behalf of the City of Hastings and the Hastings City Council, do hereby wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Library Director Laura Ortiz and the staff at the Hastings Public Library, Board President Gordon Repogle and the Board of Directors for the Hastings Public Library, President Anita Shaw and the Friends of the Hastings Public Library, and all of the many volunteers who provide their time and talent to aid in providing library related services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Hastings, Michigan, to be affixed this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

  
Franklin L. Campbell, Mayor

  
Jeff Mansfield, City Manager