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MEDIA ALERT

CITY OF CHICO SUPPORTS BUTTE COUNTY LIBRARY FUNDS ADDITIONAL DAY OF OPERATION FOR SIX MONTHS

CHICO, CA -- (July 8, 2024) – The Butte County Library plays an important role to residents of Chico. The Chico Branch of the Library serves the needs of local residents through access to books, computers, printers, training programs, and youth activities. Faced with reduced hours of operation due to County budget constraints, the City of Chico agreed to provide funding to cover the cost of one additional day of operation per week for six months.

“The City of Chico values the services our residents receive through our local library. By providing the funding to allow the Chico Library to remain open for an additional day, our residents will be able to have better access to the many valuable services the Chico Library provides,” stated Chico City Councilmember, Deepika Tandon.

Beginning Wednesday, July 10, 2024, hours of operation for the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library will include Wednesdays and are as follows:

- Tuesdays, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Wednesdays, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Thursdays, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Fridays, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Saturdays, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

“Butte County Library is grateful for the additional operational support from the City of Chico, and the recognition of the Library as a vital service provider in the community. With support from the City and Chico Friends of the Library, the Butte County Library staff are more equipped to meet the information and recreational needs of an ever-expanding community for the next six months. Now, we must look to the future to plan how we can continue operations long-term,” stated Misty Wright, Butte County Interim Library Director.

Funds for the expansion of operation were approved by the City Council on June 16, 2024 during Council’s consideration of the FY2024-2025 Final Budget. Based on estimates from the County, the \$110,000 allocated by the Council will cover the cost of operation for an additional one day

per week for a period of six months.

For media inquiries, please contact Butte County Interim Library Director, Misty Wright: MWright@buttecounty.net or 530-552-5646.

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Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the world. For more information, visit www.chico.ca.us.