

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1012

By: West (Tammy)

5  
6  
7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution proclaiming April as National Poetry  
9 Month; and encouraging the observation and  
10 celebration of National Poetry Month.

11  
12 WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets established the month of  
13 April as National Poetry Month in 1996; and

14 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the  
15 extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets,  
16 introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry,  
17 bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative  
18 ways, and make poetry an important part of our children's education;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month, under the leadership and  
21 direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest  
22 literary celebration in the world; and

23 WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all  
24 Americans; and

1       WHEREAS, poetry, as an essential part of the arts and  
2 humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today, including  
3 education, the economy, and community pride and development; and

4       WHEREAS, poetry has produced some of the nation's leading  
5 creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such as  
6 music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts.

7       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9       THAT April 1 through April 30, 2021, is hereby proclaimed to be  
10 National Poetry Month in Oklahoma.

11       THAT public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people  
12 of Oklahoma are encouraged to observe this month, to celebrate the  
13 cultural riches our state has to offer and to recognize the  
14 important role of poetry in creating and sustaining this great  
15 nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

16

17       58-1-7939       AB       03/18/21

18

19

20

21

22

23

24