

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1012

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

15 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the
16 extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets,
17 introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry,
18 bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative
19 ways, and make poetry an important part of our children's education;
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21 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month, under the leadership and
22 direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest
23 literary celebration in the world; and
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1 WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all
2 Americans; and

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

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

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

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

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

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19 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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