

# Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1047

By: Kern

An Act proclaiming April 2012 as National Poetry Month; and directing distribution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives, in observance of the important role poetry has played in creating and sustaining this

great nation, does hereby recognize April 2012 as National Poetry Month.

THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to Rob Burgess, President of the Poetry Society of Oklahoma and Stacy Lasner, Policy and Outreach Coordinator of the Academy of American Poets.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 10th day of April, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

Received by the Secretary of State this \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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