

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1005

By: West (Tammy)

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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;  
20          and

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 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT April 1 through April 30, 2023, 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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