

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1005

By: West (Tammy)

AS INTRODUCED

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

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, and make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

WHEREAS, 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

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 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT April 1 through April 30, 2023, 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.

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