



Proclamation



POETRY MONTH 2019

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 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, Poem in Your Pocket Day was initiated by the Mayor of New York City in 2002, becoming a national effort in 2008, and will be celebrated this year on April 18th with the hope that people will pick a poem to carry throughout the day and share with others; and

WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all Americans and, as an essential part of the arts and humanities, affects every aspect of life, including education, the economy, and community pride and development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro established the position of Poet Laureate in 2002, the current Poet Laureate being Fred Joiner, and

WHEREAS, Carrboro Board of Aldermen meetings are opened with the reading of a poem; and

WHEREAS, the ArtsCenter in Carrboro will host a Poet's Circle from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. on Tuesday, April 9; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department produces the "West End Poets Newsletter," a publication that highlights poetry readings, groups, workshops and events; and also hosts a "Poets Open Mic Night" at the Oasis in Carr Mill Mall on the first Tuesday of every month with the next being Tuesday, April 2nd from 7:00 – 9:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate National Poetry Month, a "Poetry on Your Plate" event will be hosted at the Century Center in Carrboro on Sunday, April 14th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **the month of April 2019** as "**Poetry Month**" in Carrboro. I invite public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of Carrboro to set aside time to read poetry and to attend a poetry-related program being offered this month in Carrboro.

This the 1st day of April 2019.

Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor