

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1036

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution declaring April 1 through 30, 2018, to
9 be National Poetry Month; and encouraging the
10 observance of National Poetry Month with appropriate
11 ceremonies, activities and programs.

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all
24 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 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT April 1 through April 30, 2018, is hereby declared to be
10 National Poetry Month.

11 THAT public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people
12 of Oklahoma observe National Poetry Month, celebrate the cultural
13 richness of this state expressed in poetry, and recognize the
14 important role of poetry in creating and sustaining this great
15 nation and state with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and
16 programs.

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