

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS the Milwaukie Poetry Series has made poetry more accessible to our community since 2007; 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

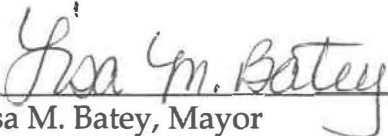
WHEREAS poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all Americans; and

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, I, Lisa Batey, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim April 1 through April 30 as NATIONAL POETRY MONTH and I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of Milwaukie to observe this month, to celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer, and to recognize the important role of poetry in creating and sustaining this great nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 1st day of April 2025.



Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

