

PROCLAMATION

- 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 legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets; introduce Americans to the benefits of reading poetry; bring poetry to the community in innovative ways; make poetry an important part of our children's education; 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; and
- WHEREAS,** poetry, as an essential part of the arts and humanities, affects American life, including education, the economy, and community pride and development; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Redmond strives to make poetry accessible to everyone by providing unique art and cultural experiences that build a high quality of life in Redmond through the City's Poet Laureate Program; and
- WHEREAS,** Redmond invests in poets and literary organizations through grants, partnerships, and commissions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Redmond Poet Laureate program produces a variety of opportunities for residents and visitors to build a more literate and understanding community through poetry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as

POETRY MONTH

and encourage residents to participate in city, nonprofit organizations, and private venue literary arts programs and to follow the City of Redmond Parks and Recreation social media pages for poems and poetic activities during the month of April.



Angela Birney, Mayor
April 2025