



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets established April as National Poetry Month in 1996; and
- WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of poets, introduce people 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 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 every aspect of life today, including education, the economy, and community pride and development; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Redmond's Arts and Culture Commission and Cultural Arts Program strive to make poetry accessible to everyone in our community by providing unique art and cultural experiences that continue to build a high quality of life in Redmond through the Redmond Poet Laureate Program and poetry performances at community events; and
- WHEREAS, Redmond invests in poets and literary organizations through grants, partnerships, and commissions, and we are proud to see all cultural arts organizations grow in Redmond to strengthen Redmond's cultural, creative, and economic vibrancy; and
- WHEREAS, the Redmond Poet Laureate program produces a variety of programming and community engagement opportunities offered to Redmond residents and visitors to build a more literate and understanding community through poetry and the literary arts by broadening awareness of poetry and expressing the spirit of Redmond culture through poetry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

## POETRY MONTH

and encourage residents to participate in city, non-profit organizations, and private venue literary arts programs and follow the City of Redmond Facebook page for poems and poetic activities throughout the month of April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Birney".

Angela Birney, Mayor

April 6, 2021

Date

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