

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, National Poetry Month was created in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets to honor the legacy of poets, to encourage poetry reading, to help teachers introduce poetry into the classroom and to increase support of the publication of poetry books; and
- WHEREAS, poetry is the artful expression of human thought and feeling through refinement of language;
- WHEREAS, poetry nourishes the human spirit;
- WHEREAS, poetry is an art form capable of building bridges of understanding among people of disparate voices and experiences;
- WHEREAS, a poet laureate cultivates the practice of writing, reading and appreciation of poetry through example and encouragement;
- WHEREAS, motivating others to find personal voice is noble civic engagement;
- WHEREAS, former Clark County Poets Laureate Armin Tolentino, Gwendolyn Morgan and Christopher Luna continue to contribute their voices in poetic form; and
- WHEREAS, Susan Dingle has been enthusiastically appointed Clark County Poet Laureate by the Clark County Arts Commission, in order to contribute her voice as a poet and to act as an ambassador of literary culture, her term of service beginning March 10, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim
1st in April as:

“ National Poetry Month ”

Across the City of Vancouver and encourage the community to recognize the importance and reading of poetry.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be
affixed this 1st day of April, 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR