

# *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; and
- WHEREAS, poetry nourishes the human spirit; and
- WHEREAS, poetry is an art form capable of building bridges of understanding among people of disparate voices and experiences; and
- WHEREAS, a poet laureate cultivates the practice of writing, reading and appreciation of poetry through example and encouragement; and
- 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, appointed Clark County Poet Laureate 2024-2026 by the Clark County Arts Commission, contributes her voice as a poet and ambassador of literary culture

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of April as:

### **“ National Poetry Month ”**

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



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 7th day of April 2025.

*Anne McEnerny-Ogle*

**ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR**