

RESOLUTION NO. 045-2024(CRR),
First Reading

By President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember Boyd, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Cobb, and Councilmember Petras

A Resolution proclaiming April 2024 to be *National Poetry Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

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 extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets, introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry, presents poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways, and make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

WHEREAS, *National Poetry Month*, under the leadership and direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest literary celebration in the world; 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has a long, proud history of being home to the Arts; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the benefits of poetry and has recognized the Poet Laureate selected by Heights Arts since the program began in 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 2024 to be *National Poetry Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights and urges all residents to observe this month, to celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer, and to recognize the important

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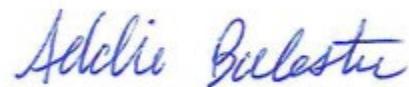
role of poetry in creating and sustaining this great city with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *National Poetry Month* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: March 18, 2024

Presented to Mayor: 03/19/2024

Approved: 03/28/2024



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor