



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH April 2018

- Whereas:** National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of poets; introduce the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry; bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways; make poetry an important part of our children's education; and
- Whereas:** United Nations Education Scientific and Culture Organization (UNESCO) has declared observance of World Poetry Day on March 21 every year; and
- Whereas:** poetry reaffirms our common humanity by revealing to us that individuals everywhere share the same questions and feelings; and
- Whereas:** poetry is a mainstay of oral tradition and, over the centuries, can communicate the innermost values of diverse culture; and
- Whereas:** we encourage our citizens to enrich themselves through partaking in all forms of culture, we support the idea of promoting literature, and specifically poetry, in our community.

Now therefore, as Mayor of the City of Prince George,
I proclaim **March 21, 2018** as: "**WORLD POETRY DAY**" and
April 2018 as: "**NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**"
in the City of Prince George.

Lyn Hall, Mayor
City of Prince George