CITY OF PASADENA

PROCLAMATION

Whereas

to support American poets at all ages of their careers and to foster the appreciation of contemporary poetry, in 1996 the Academy of American Poets established the month of April as National Poetry Month—the largest literary celebration in the world; and

Whereas
	poetry enhances and enriches our lives; fosters critical thinking, discipline, creativity, self-expression, and problem solving skills; has inspired other artists in the fields of music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts; and is an essential part of the arts and humanities—a beloved and vital component of Pasadena's rich cultural landscape and history; 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, bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways, and make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

Now, Therefore

I, Terry Tornek, Mayor of the City of Pasadena, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019 in Pasadena as

National Poetry Month

and call upon our citizens to celebrate, support and promote poetry in our City.

Mayor of the City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Dated this 1st day of April, 2019