



**Santa Fe County Proclamation**  
**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

**Proclaiming the Month of April 2017 as**  
**National Poetry Month**

**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; bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways; make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

**WHEREAS**, as 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that the month of April 2017 is:

"National Poetry Month"

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that Santa Fe County urges citizens to celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer, and to recognize the important role poetry has in creating and sustaining this great nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2017.**

Henry Roybal  
Chair, Commissioner, District 1

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

**ATTEST:**

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk