



Proclamation

World Poetry Day - March 21, 2012

National Poetry Month - April 2012

WHEREAS we recognize the cultural importance of language and literacy as the primary means of conveying knowledge; and

WHEREAS we agree that literature is defined as words raised to an art form; and

WHEREAS we acknowledge that Poetry is amongst the oldest forms of literature and that it aims to express humankind's greatest hopes, fears, loves and dreams; and

WHEREAS we understand that literacy is nurtured by the sharing and promotion of all forms of literature; and

WHEREAS United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has declared observance of World Poetry Day on March 21 every year; 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, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dianne L. Watts, do hereby declare March 21, 2012 as "World Poetry Day" in the City of Surrey and further declare the month of April, 2012 as "National Poetry Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Dianne L. Watts
City of Surrey