



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

PROCLAMATION

Be it hereby known to all that:

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol recognizes Bristol BookFest's annual celebration of books, people, and conversation as a months-long public humanities event committed to strengthening the civic life of Bristol's citizens and neighbors through the close reading of a major literary text to discover its relevance to contemporary life; and

WHEREAS Bristol BookFest offered its inaugural program, All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren, fully remotely on Zoom during one weekend in 2021; and

WHEREAS, since 2021, in collaboration with Rogers Free Library, and with the support of Arts in Common, and other local and state-wide partners, Bristol BookFest has established itself beyond that initial weekend-long event as a vigorous series of programs committed to the humanities and to highlighting Bristol's rich cultural resources from January through April; and

WHEREAS, Bristol BookFest events in 2024 culminate in downtown Bristol on April 5-6 with an evening keynote and reception followed by a day-long program of presentations and discussions;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Council and Honorable Town Administrator of the Town of Bristol, State of Rhode Island, in consideration of all of the above, and by virtue of the authority vested in them by the citizens of Bristol, on their behalf, recognize April 5-6 2024 as Bristol BookFest Weekend.

Steven Contente, Town Administrator

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and affixed the SEAL of the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island on adoption this _____ day of _____

Nathan T. Calouso, Chairman
Mary A. Parella, Vice Chairwoman
Antonio A. Teixeira, Councilman
Timothy E. Sweeney, Councilman
Aaron J. Ley, Councilman
ATTEST: Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk