



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Fort Collins is home to a vibrant and diverse community of poets who create art that fosters empathy and serves as a powerful vehicle for expression throughout our region; and

**WHEREAS**, the literary landscape is strengthened by organizations, such as the GuloGulo Poetry Collective and the Columbine Poets of Colorado, that provide critical professional development, camaraderie, and advocacy for writers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Collins Poet Laureate program, hosted by Wolverine Farm Publishing, serves as a beacon of civic pride, promoting literacy and the appreciation of poetry throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado State University supports literary excellence through its academic programs, accomplished faculty and staff, student-led organizations, and its Community Literacy Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Collins Poetry Slam, KRFC 88.9 FM, and Lip Chicken: The People's Poetry Podcast extend the reach of poetry by amplifying and celebrating our regional voices; and

**WHEREAS**, our city's unique character is bolstered by venues for the written and spoken word, including Wolverine Farm Publick House, the Museum of Art Fort Collins, the Lyric, The Atrium, and The Neighbor; and

**WHEREAS**, our city's independent booksellers and local publishers act as vital curators and supporters of the written word, providing important opportunities for poets to connect with readers and share their craft; and

**WHEREAS**, National Poetry Month is a time to celebrate the power of the poetic word and to recognize poets, organizers, and venues that help ensure this essential art form is accessible to all residents of Fort Collins.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as

## POETRY MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of April, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk