

Proclamation



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WHEREAS: National Poetry Month is celebrated each April across the United States as the largest literary celebration in the world, engaging tens of millions of readers, students, educators, librarians, publishers, and poets in recognizing the importance of poetry in our society; and

WHEREAS: National Poetry Month was established in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry, encourage the reading and writing of poems, and highlight the contributions of poets throughout history; and

WHEREAS: throughout the month of April, schools, libraries, bookstores, and cultural institutions host readings, workshops, festivals, and educational programs that foster creativity, literacy, and community engagement through the written and spoken word; and

WHEREAS: poetry serves as a powerful form of artistic expression that inspires imagination, preserves cultural heritage, strengthens emotional connection, and provides a meaningful way for individuals to share their voices and experiences; and

WHEREAS: initiatives such as Poem in Your Pocket Day, Poem-a-Day programs, and local community poetry events held during the year including Poetry Jam and Exit 36 Slam Poetry Festival encourage residents of all ages to engage with poetry and celebrate its role in enriching daily life; and

WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach is committed to promoting arts, culture, and lifelong learning opportunities that enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rex Hardin, on behalf of the City Commission and residents of the City of Pompano Beach, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as Poetry Month in the City of Pompano Beach and encourage all residents to celebrate by reading, writing, and sharing poetry, and by participating in local literary and cultural activities that honor this timeless art form.

DONE this 14TH Day of April, 2026.



REX HARDIN,
MAYOR