



UNESCO WORLD POETRY DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: During its 30th session in held in Paris in 1999, UNESCO decided to proclaim March 21 as World Poetry Day;

WHEREAS: The Town of New Glasgow has answered the Poetry City Challenge joining cities and towns across Canada in supporting UNESCO World Poetry Day;

WHEREAS: Poetry is the mainstay of oral tradition and, over centuries, can communicate the innermost values of diverse cultures;

WHEREAS: In celebrating World Poetry Day, March 21 UNESCO recognizes the unique ability of poetry to capture the creative spirit of the human mind;

WHEREAS: Poetry encourages linguistic diversity through poetic expression and offers opportunities for endangered languages to be celebrated and heard within their communities;

WHEREAS: A celebration of poetry helps us celebrate milestone through an ongoing history of language, land and community;

WHEREAS: Poetry is universal in its purpose and that 2022 marks the 24th anniversary of National Poetry Month in Canada;

WHEREAS: Poetry reaffirms our common humanity by revealing to us that individuals, everywhere in the world share the same feelings and questions and the voice of the poet is a distinct voice of the people;

WHEREAS: The observance of Poetry Day worldwide encourages a return to the oral traditions of poetry recitals and restores dialogue between poetry and the other arts such that poetry will be a form that enables society as a whole to assert its identity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Nancy Dicks, Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2022 as UNESCO World Poetry Day in the Town of New Glasgow. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, authors, literary organizations, community groups and all citizens of New Glasgow to observe this day to celebrate the importance of poetry to our nation and our humanity.

Mayor Nancy Dicks