

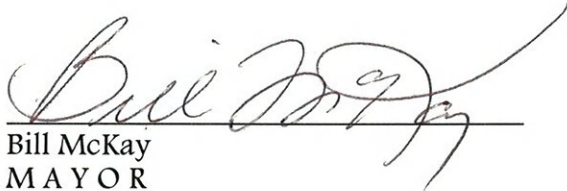


## PROCLAMATION

**World Poetry Day – March 21, 2016**  
**National Poetry Month – April, 2016**

- 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 Culture 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.

THEREFORE I, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2016 as "World Poetry Day" in the City of Nanaimo and further declare the month of April, 2016, as "National Poetry Month" in the City of Nanaimo.

  
Bill McKay  
MAYOR

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

