
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 376 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY FREEMAN, JAMES, CIRESI, SAMUELSON, SIEGEL, GIRAL,
KENYATTA, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, HADDOCK,
HILL-EVANS, KHAN, KINSEY, CONKLIN, HOWARD, D. WILLIAMS,
CURRY, BURGOS, ROZZI, HARKINS, CERRATO, VITALI, DALEY,
NEILSON, GUENST AND PROBST, APRIL 8, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 8, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2024 as "National Poetry Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Academy of American Poets established its
4 observance of "National Poetry Month" in 1996; and

5 WHEREAS, As led by the Academy of American Poets, "National
6 Poetry Month" has become the largest literary celebration in the
7 world; and

8 WHEREAS, "National Poetry Month" highlights the extraordinary
9 legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets; and

10 WHEREAS, "National Poetry Month" introduces Americans to the
11 pleasures and benefits of reading poetry; and

12 WHEREAS, "National Poetry Month" reinforces the importance of
13 poetry in children's learning and assists teachers in bringing
14 poetry into their classrooms; and

15 WHEREAS, Poetry has generated some of our nation's leading
16 creative artists; and

1 WHEREAS, Poetry has inspired other artists in fields spanning
2 music, theater, film, dance and the visual arts; and

3 WHEREAS, Poetry has served as a unique medium for Americans
4 to express themselves; and

5 WHEREAS, Poetry Out Loud included 2,995 high school students
6 who participated in the competition in 77 schools across this
7 Commonwealth in 2023; and

8 WHEREAS, Language arts, including poetry, integrate the
9 creative arts and humanities and reflect the present and
10 historic educational, economic and social fabric of our
11 communities; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
13 month of April 2024 as "National Poetry Month" in Pennsylvania.