

WHEREAS; poetry is a time-honored art form that offers opportunities for all to find belonging, care, and connections in their communities and helps convey the stories, passions, identities, and values of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; for centuries, people of all ages and backgrounds have universally turned to poetic expression as a means of expressing emotion, presenting ideas and aspirations, and offering insight into the experiences of individuals from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS; presented in a variety of evolving forms, from speculative poetry to sonnets to haiku, there are countless ways for Wisconsinites to engage with unique perspectives and explore the complexities of the shared human experience through poetry; and

WHEREAS; this week celebrates the many achievements and influences of Wisconsin's poets and their interesting and diverse perspectives, which contribute to the vibrancy, culture, and diversity of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins poets, poetry enthusiasts, and all those who enjoy the art of poetry in recognizing the importance of this art form and how it has contributed to the creative spirit of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 8 through 14 2025 as

POETRY WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 2nd day of June 2025.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State