STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; speculative poetry is a genre of poetry that draws from science fiction, horror, and other fantasy genres; and

WHEREAS; notable speculative poets include Lewis Carroll, Edgar Allan Poe, Ray Bradbury, U.S. Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith, and Suzette Haden Elgin; and

WHEREAS; speculative poetry has produced some of the nation's most prominent creative artists, performances, works of literature, and exhibitions, and Wisconsin has been home to nationally and internationally recognized speculative poets, as well as numerous speculative poetry events for poets to share their work; and

WHEREAS; Speculative Poetry Month was established by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Poetry Association to acknowledge the many achievements and contributions of speculative poets and the interesting and diverse perspectives they bring to the medium of poetry as a whole; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins speculative poets and all who enjoy the genre throughout the state in recognizing the importance of speculative poetry 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 November 2022 as

SPECULATIVE POETRY MONTH

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 28th day of October 2022.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State