



**PROCLAMATION**  
World Poetry Day – March 21, 2014  
National Poetry Month – April, 2014

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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, John Ruttan, Mayor, do hereby declare March 21, 2014 as "World Poetry Day" in the City of Nanaimo and further declare the month of April, 2014 as "National Poetry Month" in the City of Nanaimo.

  
John Ruttan  
MAYOR



DATED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2014