City of Brisbane

PROCLAMATION

<u>A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2022</u> <u>as National Poetry Month</u>

WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets established the month of April as National Poetry Month in 1996; and

WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets; introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry; bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways; make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

WHEREAS, as National Poetry Month, under the leadership and direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest literary celebration in the world; and

WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, poetry, is an essential part of the arts and humanities; and

WHEREAS, poetry has produced some of the nation's leading creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such as music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts; and

Now, therefore, I, Coleen Mackin, Mayor of the City of Brisbane, do hereby proclaim April 1 through April 30 as National Poetry Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of April, in the year 2022.

Dated: 04/07/2022

Coleen Mackin, Mayor