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P R O C L A M A T I O N

I, ALEX NUTTALL, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim the month of

April 2025

as

National Poetry Month

WHEREAS; National Poetry Month celebrates poetry in all forms and the contributions that poets, writers and speakers of poetry bring to our communities; and

WHEREAS; National Poetry Month was first established in Canada in 1998 and now brings together schools, publishers, authors, libraries, literacy organizations, and poets from across the country to celebrate poetry and the vital role it plays in Canadian culture. In 2025, National Poetry Month celebrates with the theme "Family"; and

WHEREAS; Poetry reaffirms our common humanity by revealing that individuals everywhere share the same thoughts, questions and feelings; and

WHEREAS; Poetry is a mainstay of oral tradition and, over centuries, can communicate the innermost values of our diverse culture here in the City of Barrie; and

WHEREAS; Thousands of organizations participate through readings, festivals, book displays, workshops and other events.

THEREFORE, I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2025** to be **"National Poetry Month"** and encourage all citizens of the City of Barrie to read, write, create and engage in our local arts and culture.

Alex Nuttall
Mayor