



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION by the Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, declaring Thursday, April 26, 2018, as Washington Poets Laureate Day in the City of Bainbridge Island.

WHEREAS, Washington State Poets Laureate serve to build awareness and appreciation of poetry—including Washington’s legacy of poetry—through public readings, workshops, and presentations in communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature in April 2007 passed legislation that recognized the value of poetry to the culture and heritage of the state by establishing the Poet Laureate position; and

WHEREAS, four Washington Poets Laureate have written and will read original poems on Bainbridge Island to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and victims of war, famine, and drought involving the poorest of the poor overseas; and

WHEREAS, the poets’ poems celebrate humanitarian aid relief programs originating in the United States of America, that provide innovative assistance to help over 120 countries serving 121 million people regardless of creed, race or nationality; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that all people must take action to stand in solidarity and to protect the poorest of the poor, our sisters and brothers throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the people of Bainbridge Island will observe Washington State Poets Laureate Day 2018, with the poets reading their original works at Saint Cecilia Church on Thursday April 26; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kol Medina, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2018 as

WASHINGTON POETS LAUREATE DAY 2018

in the City of Bainbridge Island and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance to promote solidarity with the poorest of the poor overseas.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2018

Kol Medina, Mayor