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Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to note that April is national Poetry Month and to issue a Proclamation in praise of poets and their craft.

“The Cape May County Library is holding a “Preposterous Poetry Party” at the Main Library in Cape May Court House on April 17, from 1 to 2:30. Children ages 6 to 12 will hear dramatic readings of poems, are invited to bring poems they have written to share, and will enjoy activities to help them create their own poems,” noted Mayor Pikolycky. “Our local elementary school teaches poetry throughout its curricula, and of course, Woodbine itself was the growing –up place of noted poet Barbara Fidler. Her book of poetry is available at the Woodbine branch of the County Library. Her poems can also be viewed at www.poetsview.com.

Here is the Borough's Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION OFFICE OF THE MAYOR BOROUGH OF WOODBINE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY

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, as an essential part of the arts and humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today, including education, the economy, and community pride and development; 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, William Pikolycky, Mayor of the Borough of Woodbine, do hereby proclaim April 2010, as municipal Poetry Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of Woodbine to observe this month, to celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer, and to recognize the important role poetry in creating and sustaining this great nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of April, in the year 2010.

William Pikolycky, Mayor