

Proclamation

REQUESTED BY
MAYOR JOHN E. RODSTROM, JR.
BROWARD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Fort Lauderdale area poet Anastasia Clark recently completed the last of five free workshops at libraries throughout Broward County to encourage poets to create poetry in honor of famed pilot Amelia Earhart; and

WHEREAS, while conducting research on Amelia Earhart, Anastasia discovered that the famed aviator frequently read and wrote poetry, and that's what gave Anastasia the inspiration to create a poetry collection in tribute to Earhart in April to coincide with National Poetry Month; and

WHEREAS, there is also a secondary significance to the collection: 2012 marks the 75th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's disappearance while flying over the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, Anastasia contacted the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Kansas, about displaying a leather-bound scrapbook containing 50 poems from 50 contributors in Broward. In addition to the Broward County Library System, three libraries, and nine museums outside the State of Florida have requested copies of the scrapbook and a virtual link for websites; and

WHEREAS, Anastasia received a \$2,000 grant from the county recommended by the Broward Cultural Council, funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), and some private donations, but she also followed a suggestion to create a project on the Kickstarter website. Founded in 2009, the site allows creators to post their projects and raise funds by offering rewards to backers at various donation levels; and

WHEREAS, Anastasia's project will fund some of the printing costs for the book, as well as opening receptions at The Naval Air Museum in Fort Lauderdale and Studio 18 in the Pines; and

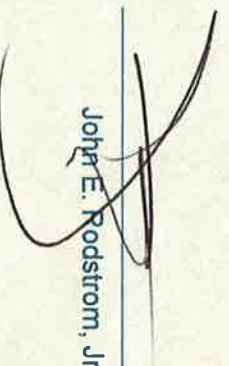
WHEREAS, to create the poetry collection, Anastasia has hosted a series of workshops across Broward County to solicit for submissions. She is contributing a poem to the collection, entitled "Amelia's Pencil." It was inspired by the fact that Earhart wrote poems in her scrapbooks in pencil; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

That the Board hereby observes and designates Tuesday, April 24, 2012, as
"ANASTASIA CLARK APPRECIATION DAY" in Broward County, Florida.

Date April 24, 2012




John E. Rodstrom, Jr., Mayor