



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS
"NATIONAL POETRY MONTH" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AND RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING STUDENT POETS
MADELINE MILLER, KUNDAI CHICOWERO AND SIERRA MAYORAL**

WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets has designated April as National Poetry Month to highlight the extraordinary achievements and ongoing legacy of American Poets and increase the accessibility of self-expression in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara supports programs such as Poetry Out Loud and the Youth Poet Laureate, providing young adults new opportunities for learning creative writing, poetry, spoken word, college preparation, literature, and hip-hop to support development and engagement; and

WHEREAS, Madeline Miller from San Marcos High School, has been selected as the Santa Barbara County Inaugural Youth Poet Laureate, and Kundai Chicowero, a Dos Pueblos High School graduate, has been selected as the Santa Barbara County Inaugural Youth Poet Ambassador by the California Poets in the Schools; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Mayoral from Carpinteria High School has been selected as the California State Champion of the Poetry Ourselves writing contest with the poem "Crossed and Cautious"; and

WHEREAS, in these endeavors, Madeline Miller, Kundai Chicowero and Sierra Mayoral represent Santa Barbara County as they join students from around the state and nation in celebration of excellence in writing, public speaking and communication; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that April be proclaimed as National Poetry Month in Santa Barbara County, and residents are encouraged to participate in the free public poetry programs offered by numerous community organizations including the public library system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AND HEREBY ORDERED, that this Board of Supervisors congratulates Madeline Miller, Kundai Chicowero, Sierra Mayoral and all participating students for their exceptional efforts and accomplishments in the advancement of poetry.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of April 2022, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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Clerk of the Board