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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS "NATIONAL POETRY MONTH" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND RECOGNIZING ORCUTT ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN "POETRY OUT LOUD"

*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 Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Competition program, through a partnership with the California Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts and National Poetry Foundation, helps local high school students master public speaking, build self-confidence, and explore their literary heritage; and

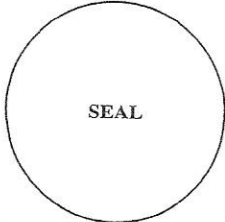
*WHEREAS*, students from Laguna Blanca, Orcutt Academy, and Ernest Righetti high schools participated in schoolwide events, culminating in the Santa Barbara County Poetry Out Loud Competition; and

*WHEREAS*, Orcutt Academy High School student Janelle Zubiate was awarded the Regional Championship with the poem *Blade, Unplugged*. Miranda Mejia, also of Orcutt Academy, was recognized as the first Runner Up, reciting the poem *Oranges*. Both students demonstrated exceptional composure, articulation and mastery of the spoken word.

*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 institutions and organizations; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AND HEREBY ORDERED*, that this Board of Supervisors congratulates Orcutt Academy High School, their faculty and students for 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 21st day of April 2020, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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