



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS "NATIONAL POETRY MONTH" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING LOCAL STUDENT POETS

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and Academy of American Poets have designated April as National Poetry Month to highlight the extraordinary contributions of poets and their role in uplifting culture through self-expression; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara stewards programs such as Poetry Out Loud and Youth Poet Laureate to support civic engagement platforms for our next-generation leaders; and

WHEREAS, in these endeavors, students serve as distinguished cultural ambassadors, joining their peers throughout nation in the collective effort to explore the written word, voice distinctive visions, and cultivate empathy through language; and

WHEREAS, we commend the participants in the 2024 Santa Barbara County Poetry Out Loud Competition: Breana Camarena, N.J. Correia, Bella Gonzalez, Natalie Lancor, Samantha McDonald, and Erick Youngern from Ernest Righetti High School and Chanel Corpuz, Kaleolani Ilac, Melisa Palmerin, Matthew Cansino, and Michael Estrada from Pioneer Valley High School; and this year's Champion, Anna Matthews from Dos Pueblos High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that April be proclaimed as National Poetry Month in Santa Barbara County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AND HEREBY ORDERED, that this Board of Supervisors applauds these exceptional young people for their efforts and accomplishments in the advancement of poetry.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 23rd day of April 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



Pat Williams

Supervisor - 1st District

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ATTEST

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