



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2015  
AS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**

*WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors formed the County Arts Commission in 1977 to serve as the regional cultural development agency as a State and Local Partner of the California Arts Council to support and encourage access to the arts for all county residents; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the vibrant role artists play in enriching our local quality of life and expression of our regional culture; and*

*WHEREAS, since 1996 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 visibility, presence, and accessibility of poetry in our communities and culture; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County recognizes the value of the Arts Commission's 9 years of participation in the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Competition through a partnership with the California Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Poetry Foundation. This program helps high school students master public speaking, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County was represented at the Poetry Out Loud State Competition in Sacramento March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> by Aldrin Ysip, a senior at Pioneer Valley High School in Santa Maria; and*

*WHEREAS, the Arts Commission, in partnership with the Santa Barbara City Poet Laureate and other presenters have organized free public poetry events throughout the month including 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Downtown Cultural Nights that include poetry readings by Santa Barbara Poets throughout the City.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim April 2015 as National Poetry Month in the County of Santa Barbara.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Conrad...*  
Clerk of Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District