



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 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 8 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 23rd and 24th by Jessica Osborn, a senior at Pioneer Valley High School in Santa Maria; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors proclaims April 2014 as National Poetry Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 1st day of April 2014, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Donald Rios*  
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District  
*Joan Wolf*  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
*William J. ...*  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Pete ...*  
Supervisor - 4th District  
*SD ...*  
Supervisor - 5th District