

RESOLUTION NO. 19-119

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
APRIL AS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AND RECOGNIZING PIONEER VALLEY AND ORCUTT ACADEMY STUDENTS  
FOR THEIR ACHEIVEMENTS IN “POETRY OUT LOUD”**

*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 the visibility and accessibility of language and 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 & National Poetry Foundation, helps local high school students master public speaking, build self-confidence, and explore their literary heritage; and

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

*WHEREAS*, Pioneer Valley High School student Ivy Hatter won the Regional Championship and represented Santa Barbara County at California’s Poetry Out Loud State Competition in Sacramento. Orcutt Academy High School student Allannah Dizayee was awarded the Regional First Runner-Up Prize; 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 events offered by numerous institutions and organizations; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AND HEREBY ORDERED*, that this Board of Supervisors congratulates Pioneer Valley and Orcutt Academy high schools, 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 9th day of April 2019, by unanimous vote of all members present.