



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2008
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, the Arts Commission, in partnership with the City Poet Laureate, Perie Longo, and other presenters has organized free public poetry events for 1st Thursday's April Downtown Cultural Nights that included poetry readings by Santa Barbara poets in the County Administration Building's Channing Peake Gallery; and

WHEREAS, collaborating with California Poets in the Schools and the California Arts Council, the County Arts Commission participated in the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Competition which is a program that helps high school students master public speaking, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April as National Poetry Month in Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15th day of April, 2008 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Local

Supervisor - 1st District

Janet Welf

Supervisor - 2nd District

Brooke Finstone

Supervisor - 3rd District

Joni Gray

Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District

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