



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2009 AS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH CALIFORNIA

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 poetry community, outgoing City Poet Laureate, Perie Longo and newly appointed City Poet Laureate David Starkey; have organized a number of public poetry events throughout the month of April that feature regional poets; and

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

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Poetry Out Loud winner Spencer Klavan Laguna Blanca School senior was declared the winner of the State Competition in Sacramento on March 23rd and will go to represent the state at the National finals in Washington, D.C. in April 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEARBY ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors that APRIL 2009 be recognized as National Poetry Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of April 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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