

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
APRIL 2016 AS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**

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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

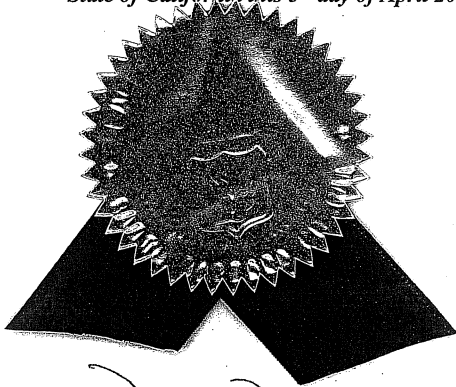
WHEREAS, since 1996 the Academy of American Poets has designated April as National Poetry Month to highlight the extraordinary achievements and ongoing legacy of American Poets and increase visibility, presence, and accessibility of poetry in our communities and culture; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County recognizes the value of the Arts Commission's 10 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. Santa Barbara County was represented at the Poetry Out Loud State Competition in Sacramento February 28th and 29th by Camila Lemere, a senior at Laguna Blanca High School who competed against students from 39 other Counties across California; 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 1st Thursday Downtown Cultural Nights that include poetry readings by Santa Barbara Poets throughout the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEARBY RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim April 2016 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 5th day of April 2016 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

David C. O'Connell
Supervisor - 1st District

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