

## COUNTY OF SANTABARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS
"NATIONAL POETRY MONTH" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AND HONORING ERNEST RIGHETTI HIGH SCHOOL
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN POETRY

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and Academy of American Poets have designated April as National Poetry Month to celebrate the transformative power of poetry in uplifting culture and building community; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's Office of Arts and Culture supports programs such as Poetry Out Loud and Youth Poet Laureate to empower, educate and engage our future civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, through the Poetry Out Loud competition, students across the nation unite to harness the power of writing to cultivate greater empathy and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, we commend Ernest Righetti High School for its dedication to advancing youth literacy, learning and expression, and we recognize the exceptional efforts of teachers Kristen Kurth, Erin Robinson, and Caitlin Bernardo; and

WHEREAS, we are inspired by this year's Poetry Out Loud participants and extend special congratulations to Runner-Up, Kohen Ross, and Regional Champion, Alicia Blanco Bautista; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that April be proclaimed as National Poetry Month in Santa Barbara County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AND HEREBY ORDERED, that this Board of Supervisors applauds these exceptional students for their achievements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 8th day of April 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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