

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS  
"NATIONAL POETRY MONTH" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AND RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING YOUNG POETS:  
MADELINE MILLER, DIONNE PETERSON, AND LUCAS HSIUNG**

*WHEREAS, the United States Congress and Academy of American Poets have designated April as National Poetry Month to highlight the extraordinary contributions and ongoing service of poets in uplifting our shared humanity through self-expression; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara stewards programs such as Poetry Out Loud and the Youth Poet Laureate, creating educational opportunities and civic engagement platforms for our next-generation leaders; and*

*WHEREAS, Madeline Miller, a recent graduate of San Marcos High School, is concluding her term as the inaugural Santa Barbara County Youth Poet Laureate, where she eloquently and passionately advocated for youth voices, accessibility, social justice, and the arts; and*

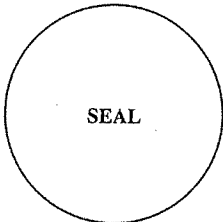
*WHEREAS, in the annual County Poetry Out Loud Competition, Lucas Hsiung, from Ernest Righetti High School, won first place for his powerful recitation of "Invictus" by William Ernest Henley, representing Santa Barbara County at the state level; and Dionne Peterson, from Laguna Blanca High School, was honored for her recitation of "Here's an Ocean Tale" by Kwoya Fagin Maples; and*

*WHEREAS, in these endeavors, Madeline Miller, Lucas Hsiung, and Dionne Peterson serve as distinguished ambassadors for Santa Barbara County as they join students throughout the state, and nation in the collective effort to bridge across differences and cultivate empathy through language; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that April be proclaimed as National Poetry Month in Santa Barbara County, and residents are encouraged to read, write, speak, listen and share through the medium of poetry; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AND HEREBY ORDERED**, that this Board of Supervisors commends Madeline Miller, Lucas Hsiung, Dionne Peterson, and all participating students for their 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 4th day of April 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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**ATTEST:** *[Signature]*  
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