



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS
"NATIONAL POETRY MONTH" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AND RECOGNIZING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
IN "POETRY OUT LOUD"**

WHEREAS, 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 the accessibility of self-expression in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Competition program, through a partnership with the California Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts and National Poetry Foundation, helps local high school students master public speaking, build self-confidence, and explore their literary heritage; and

WHEREAS, Corazón del Pueblo: The Cultural and Creative Arts Center of the Santa Maria Valley facilitated this year's Poetry Out Loud countywide competition, creating a supportive virtual space for students and judges from all geographies and backgrounds to engage with and celebrate literacy, performance and the spoken word; and

WHEREAS, County semifinalists included Sydney Carlson of Santa Maria High School, Luca D'Agruma of Laguna Blanca High School, Camilla Fonoberov of Dos Pueblos High School, Mia Marapao of Pioneer Valley High School, Sierra Mayoral of Carpinteria High School, Kelly Morales-Lopez of Pioneer Valley High School and Maya Samarasena of Dos Pueblos High School; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Mayoral will represent Santa Barbara County at the California State Competition this month, joining students from every county in the state in celebration of excellence in public speaking and communication; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that April be proclaimed as National Poetry Month in Santa Barbara County, and residents are encouraged to participate in the free public poetry programs offered by numerous community organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AND HEREBY ORDERED, that this Board of Supervisors congratulates Corazón del Pueblo: The Cultural and Creative Arts Center of the Santa Maria Valley and all participating students for 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 6th day of April 2021, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reyesato
Clerk of the Board

Pat Dillon
Supervisor - 1st District

Lyndee Hart
Supervisor - 2nd District

Joan Wauters
Supervisor - 3rd District

Bob Weber
Supervisor - 4th District

Ed Swann
Supervisor - 5th District