



# 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:

*Monique...*  
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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