

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAIMS APRIL 2024 AS

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## National Poetry Month

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*WHEREAS, in 1996, to support American poets of all ages in their careers and to foster the appreciation of contemporary poetry, the Academy of American Poets established the month of April as National Poetry Month – the largest literary celebration in the world; and*

*WHEREAS, according to Amanda Gorman, the first person to be named National Youth Poet Laureate, “Poetry is the lens we use to interrogate the history we stand on and the future we stand for. It is no coincidence that at the base of the Statue of Liberty, there is a poem;” and*

*WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches our communities, fosters critical thinking, discipline, creativity, self-expression, and problem-solving skills, and inspires other artists in the fields of music, theatre, film, dance and the visual arts; and*

*WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets, introduces citizens to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry, brings poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways, and connects the next generation of creative minds with the art of poetry; and*

*WHEREAS, poetry is an essential part of civic life – a beloved and vital component of San Mateo County’s rich cultural history and contemporary landscape.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County does hereby proclaim April 1 through April 30, 2024 as National Poetry Month and calls upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of San Mateo County to observe this month, to celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer, and to recognize with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs the essential role poetry plays in our lives and culture.*

**Dated: April 23, 2024**

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors