

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JORGE ARGUETA TO THE HONORARY POST OF
SAN MATEO COUNTY POET LAUREATE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM
JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is fortunate to have a thriving and active community of poets; and

WHEREAS, in April 2013, this Board established the honorary post of San Mateo County Poet Laureate for the purpose of promoting awareness and heightening appreciation of poetry and the spoken word throughout San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, to qualify as the Poet Laureate, an individual should be a San Mateo County resident of five years or more, demonstrate a commitment to reading and writing poetry, embrace the opportunity to engage in civic discourse, and commit to serve a two-year term in the post; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Poet Laureate represents San Mateo County and the art of poetry through outreach activities related to poetry; will propose and lead a community project throughout their term; present appropriate works at a minimum of four selected County-sponsored events during the year, including events involving schools and youth; and will open the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors meetings with a poem every quarter; and

WHEREAS, an *ad hoc* Poet Laureate Advisory Committee, co-chaired by Supervisors Carole Groom and Warren Slocum and which includes members from the San Mateo County Arts Commission, a college professor, poets, librarians, publishers, and poetry enthusiasts, established to recommend selection of the San Mateo County Poet Laureate, unanimously recommends the appointment of, and this Board desires to appoint, Jorge Argueta as San Mateo County Poet Laureate for a two-year term from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, or otherwise until a new San Mateo County Poet Laureate is appointed.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that Jorge Argueta is appointed as San Mateo County Poet Laureate for a two-year term from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, or otherwise until a new San Mateo County Poet Laureate is appointed by the Board.

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