

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF AILEEN CASSINETTO TO THE
HONORARY POST OF SAN MATEO COUNTY POET LAUREATE FOR AN
ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022**

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

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

WHEREAS, County Poet Laureate can offer skills to create, employ and read poetry to promote awareness and heighten the appreciation of poetry and the literary arts; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors established the creation of the honorary post of Poet Laureate to elevate and celebrate the literary arts in our community, and established a Poet Laureate Advisory Committee to implement a process and criteria for selection of the Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetto began her two-year term as Poet Laureate of San Mateo County on January 1, 2019, and since that time has spread enthusiasm for literary arts through her “Speak Poetry” project; and

WHEREAS, the work of San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetto during this pandemic has been exemplary, particularly her outreach to youth who experienced many months of distance learning beginning in March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is important to have continuity in the Poet Laureate program during these most challenging times and by extending an additional six month extension, following an additional one year extension of the Poet Laureate's term, which allows for her to carry on her meaningful work,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors approves of an additional six-month extension of the term of Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetto to June 30, 2022.

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