

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING APRIL 2014 AS

National Poetry Month

WHEREAS the Academy of American Poets established the month of April as National Poetry Month in 1996; **and**

WHEREAS National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets; introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry; bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways; make poetry an important part of our children's education; **and**

WHEREAS, as National Poetry Month, under the leadership and direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest literary celebration in the world; **and**

WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all Americans; **and**

WHEREAS, poetry, as an essential part of the arts and humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today, including education, the economy, and community pride and development; **and**

WHEREAS, poetry has produced some of the nation's leading creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such as music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts; **and**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County do hereby proclaim April 1 through April 30 as National Poetry Month. We call 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 the important role poetry in creating and sustaining this great nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Dated: April 22, 2014

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors