

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAIMS APRIL 2017 as

National Poetry Month

WHEREAS, in 1996, to support American poets of all ages of 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, poetry enhances and enriches our lives; fosters critical thinking, discipline, creativity, self-expression, and problem solving skills; has inspired 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; 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, poetry is an essential part of the arts and humanities – a beloved and vital component of San Mateo County’s rich cultural landscape and history; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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 25, 2017

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors