

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROLINE GOODWIN TO THE HONORARY POST OF
SAN MATEO COUNTY POET LAUREATE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM
JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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, a 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, after a six week nomination period, the nominations of 15 poets were received by the Poet Laureate Advisory Committee by for the post of San Mateo County Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, after consideration, deliberation and interviews of five finalists, the

Poet Laureate Advisory Committee recommends the appointment of Caroline Goodwin to the honorary post of San Mateo County's first Poet Laureate to the Board of Supervisors for a two-year term from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015; or otherwise until a new Poet Laureate is appointed; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Goodwin, a resident of Montara, has been long involved in the literary arts, earning an MFA in Poetry from the University of British Columbia and continues to mentor and teach the literary arts as a Professor California College of the Arts; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County approves of the recommendation of the Poet Laureate Advisory Committee and appoints Caroline Goodwin as San Mateo County's first Poet Laureate.

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