

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A \$5,000 HONORARIUM FOR THE SAN MATEO COUNTY POET LAUREATE

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, in April 2013, 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 Laur; and

WHEREAS, in October 2013, following a six week nomination period, and after consideration, deliberation and interviews of candidates, the Advisory Committee recommended the appointment of Caroline Goodwin to be the County's inaugural Poet Laureate for a two-year term from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015, or otherwise until a new Poet Laureate is appointed; and

WHEREAS, the time, travel, and effort of the Poet Laureate has far exceeded what was initially anticipated and it is therefore recommended that the County provide a mid-term honorarium in the amount of \$5,000 to the current Poet Laureate as well as to

future Poet Laureates; and

WHEREAS, such honorarium is consistent with stipends offered by other public entities to their poet laureates and will further the County's interests in promoting and celebrating the arts, and more specifically, poetry; and

WHEREAS, such honorarium would defray travel and other expenses incurred by the Poet Laureate in connection with the functions of the position as well as provide resources for the Poet Laureate to further his or her artistic or other pursuits; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board approves an honorarium in the amount of \$5,000 to be provided to the County's Poet Laureate, such honorarium to be subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as determined by the County Manager; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the purposes of these resolutions, consistent with the County's interests, by providing for the terms and conditions of such honorarium.

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