

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AILEEN CASSINETTO TO THE HONORARY POST OF
SAN MATEO COUNTY POET LAUREATE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM
JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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 ten-week nomination period, the applications of eight 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 Aileen Cassinetto to the honorary post of San Mateo County Poet Laureate to the Board of Supervisors for a two-year term from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020; or otherwise until a new Poet Laureate is appointed; and

WHEREAS, Aileen Cassinetto, a resident of San Mateo, holds a degree in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology from the University of the Phillipines. She is the author of *The Pink House of Purple Yam Preserves and Other Poems*, *Traje de Boda*, *The Art of Salamat*, *B & O Blues*, and *Tweet*. Widely anthologized, her work is on permanent display at the San Francisco Public Library as part of the Hay(na)ku Poetry Exhibit. She is the publisher of Paloma Press, an independent literary press established in 2016, which has released 12 books to date; 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 Aileen Cassinetto as the third San Mateo County Poet Laureate.
