

# RESOLUTION NO.

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

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**RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF AILEEN CASSINETTO TO THE HONORARY POST OF SAN MATEO COUNTY POET LAUREATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021**

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**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**, 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**, San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetta began her two-year term as Poet Laureate of San Mateo County on January 1, 2019, and since that time has spread enthusiasm for literary arts through her “Speak Poetry” project; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetta during this pandemic has been exemplary, particularly her outreach to youth who have been distance learning since March; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to have continuity in the Poet Laureate program during these most challenging times and by extending the Poet Laureate's term allows for her to carry on her meaningful work; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors approves of the extension of term of Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetto to December 31, 2021.

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