



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: December 7, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Honoring Phyllis Meshulam As Sonoma County Poet Laureate.

Whereas, Sonoma County is blessed with a wealth of artistic talent and countywide support of the Arts; and

Whereas, Phyllis Meshulam is recognized as a poet whose body of work manifests a high degree of excellence, winning multiple awards and prizes. And, as an advocate for youth poetry, Phyllis has taught in Sonoma County Schools with CalPoets for more than 20 years, in settings from 2nd grade classrooms to juvenile hall; and

Whereas, Phyllis Meshulam is a Sonoma County resident who has demonstrated her commitment to the literary arts as a widely published poet and a teacher of poetry to children and teens. In addition to her poetry classes, Phyllis served as the CalPoets Area Coordinator for nine years, and as the Sonoma County Coordinator of Poetry Out Loud, a nationwide high school recitation program, for 13 years; and

Whereas, in order to bring poetry to more students, Phyllis has taught virtually through the pandemic and recorded three lessons for Sonoma County teachers, one in Spanish and English. And to celebrate the poetic expression of Sonoma County adults, she is publishing a poetry anthology of their work alongside nationally acclaimed poets; and

Whereas, the Poet Laureate will serve for two years, May, 2020-July, 2022, with voluntary status by making herself available for events that are supportive of literary arts in general and poetry in particular.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, recognizes the selection of Phyllis Meshulam as Poet Laureate and expresses its appreciation to the Poet Laureate Selection Committee for bringing this aspect of arts to the people of Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.