



RESOLUTION No. 17-150

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE PROGRAM AND THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION OF THE POET LAUREATE BY NEVADA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, MOLLY FISK, FOR THE TERM OF APRIL 1, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018

WHEREAS, the California Arts Council (CAC) was established in 1976 for the purposes of advancing California through the arts and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Arts Council has been designated as Nevada County's State-Local Partner in the CAC State-Local Partnership Program (SLP); and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the passage of AB 113 established a formal California Poet Laureate position with the purpose to inspire an emerging generation of literary artists, and to educate Californians about influential poets and authors; and

WHEREAS, an estimated fourteen (14) counties have formerly designated Poet Laureate Programs; and

WHEREAS, the advancement of poetry, literacy and the arts helps build and enhance healthy communities by promoting imagination, creativity, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate is an officially appointed poet who is expected to compose or recite poetry for special events and occasions thereby promoting reading, writing, and appreciation of poetry within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Arts Council desires the Board of Supervisors to accept the establishment of a Poet Laureate Program in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Arts Council desires the Board of Supervisors to accept their nomination and designation of the first Nevada County Poet Laureate as Molly Fisk; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and acceptance of the nomination and designation of Nevada County's Poet Laureate will enhance communities through the promotion of poetry, literacy and art.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada does hereby accept the establishment of a Nevada County Poet Laureate Program and the nomination and designation of the Poet Laureate by Nevada County Arts Council, Molly Fisk, for the term beginning on April 1, 2017 and ending on March 31, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby approves the following conditions of the Nevada County Poet Laureate Program:

- 1) That the recommended duties of the Poet Laureate shall include:
 - a In collaboration with Nevada County Arts Council, publishing a chapbook of poetry during their term
 - b Creating and reading poetry for community events and in coordination with the Nevada County Community Library when applicable
 - c Posting poetry to the Nevada County's designated Partner to the California Arts Council website
 - d Promoting the love of poetry with people of all ages
 - e Assisting in the orientation and training of the next Nevada County Poet Laureate
 - f Assisting with developing the role of the County's Poet Laureate during the program's first year, and – to this end – consulting on the creation of a Poet Laureate Operating Manual/Handbook, for use by future generations
 - g Representing the County at gatherings of other Poet Laureates for the purpose of promoting and advancing poetry, literacy, arts and culture
- 2) The appointment of the Nevada County Poet Laureate shall be for a one-year term;
- 3) Nevada County shall not fund the Nevada County Poet Laureate Program or provide the Poet Laureate with any stipend or other reimbursement for travel, conferences or time;
- 4) Nevada County Arts Council will offer its Poet Laureate a stipend of \$2,000 during the program's inaugural year in order to better launch and establish the role regionally;
- 5) Prior to the end of any existing term, Nevada County Arts Council will nominate and designate a poet laureate for the next upcoming term. County staff will participate in the selection process with the Nevada County Arts Council in a limited capacity to provide feedback and County perspective where needed. Once a nomination and designation has been made, the Nevada County Arts Council will submit the name of that individual to the County for acceptance by the Board of Supervisors; and
- 6) When considering and selecting a nomination, the Nevada County Arts Council will consider every candidate's qualifications that include the nominee's body of written work, honors, awards, and other forms of recognition, and the nominee's ability to promote poetry, literacy, arts and culture within the County of Nevada.