

MOTION:

October 20, 2020

SECOND:

Regular Meeting

Res. No. 20-

RE:

PROCLAIM – OCTOBER 24, 2020 – POET LAUREATE DAY

ACTION:

WHEREAS, poetry as an art form through story-telling and song predates the written word; and

WHEREAS, poetry today spans a vast portfolio of genres, which encompasses, chronicles, and challenges our human story throughout the ages; and

WHEREAS, in poetry, the rhythm, imagery, symbolism, and resonance of words speak to the universality of culture and embody the heart and soul of community; and

WHEREAS, the nation, state, and many communities honor practicing poets with the title “Poet Laureate,” as a way to promote writing and artistic expression within society; and

WHEREAS, from the six nominees, the 2020-2022 Poet Laureate of Prince William County will be chosen and tasked to promote poetry, heighten local appreciation of the art form, and undertake an individual project designed to make poetry more available and accessible to Prince William County residents in their everyday lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims October 24, 2020, to be Poet Laureate Day, a day to highlight poetry, encourage community participation in this ancient art form, and honor our local writers who bring us creative verse.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board