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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MONTEREY COUNTY POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

(Seaside, CA - July 1, 2021) The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is excited to announce a Call for Nominations for the Monterey County Poet Laureate Program. In March 2021 the Monterey County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to create a Monterey County Poet Laureate coordinated by the Arts Council for Monterey County.

The Poet Laureate is an honorary position with a two-year term that celebrates the County of Monterey's cultural heritage and promotes literacy and literature among county residents. Poets typically can nominate themselves or be nominated by other residents of the county through an online application. Poets must live in the County of Monterey, be at least 18 years of age, and available to travel county-wide. An honorarium of \$2,500 will be provided to cover any travel costs over the term.

"On the heels of National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman's inaugural poem, I reached out to County Supervisor Chris Lopez about creating a Poet Laureate program for our county. He was very supportive and his office quickly created a resolution which was unanimously approved by the Supervisors. The Arts Council is looking forward to developing this program to raise a greater appreciation of the writing and reading of poetry for our community", states Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director.

The mission of the Poet Laureate is to:

- Elevate poetry in the awareness of Monterey County residents and to help celebrate the literary arts;
- Serve as an advocate for poetry, literature, and the arts;
- Lead a community project that makes poetry more accessible; and
- Contribute to Monterey County's poetry and literary legacy.

For more information or to apply, please visit www.arts4mc.org/poetlaureate.

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