



PROCLAMATION

HONORING JEREMY SNYDER AS POET LAUREATE FOR THE CITY OF VALLEJO

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate is a poet officially appointed by a government or conferring institution, whose duties often include composing poems for special events and occasions; and

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate increases the public's awareness of the benefits of poetry and raises awareness of the power of poetry along with other forms of literature, uplifts and inspires people, stimulates poetic impulse, fosters appreciation of poetry in all its forms, and serves Vallejo residents and visitors with expressions of culture through words; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused extraordinary sickness, loss of life, and the need to socially distance, and as a consequence, public activities have been significantly curtailed including the duties of the Vallejo Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, due to these unprecedented circumstances and loss of opportunities for the Poet Laureate, the Vallejo Center for the Arts consulted the Poetry Vallejo Committee, a committee comprised of local literary experts, to extend the term of the third Poet Laureate of Vallejo, California; and

WHEREAS, Vallejo resident Jeremy Snyder, who was selected as Vallejo's third Poet Laureate, has graciously agreed to serve an extended term starting January 2022 to December 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder is a well-known and respected native Vallejoan and published poet who has been writing poetry and prose for as long as he can remember, and has extensive experience performing poetry and spoken word in various venues; and since 2006, Mr. Snyder has been an active member of the artistic community and is currently the host for one of the longest running poetry shows in the bay area, Poetry by the Bay, founded in 2008, and for the last several years, he has worked to foster a love of writing; and

WHEREAS, as the Vallejo Poet Laureate, Mr. Snyder's goal is to advance the love of writing in the Vallejo Community, bring awareness to these written and oral traditions, demonstrate the healing properties of creative writing, work closely with the Vallejo Public Library, and conduct workshops throughout the Vallejo area and host poetry readings at the Empress Lounge of his own work and those of area writers; and

WHEREAS, his continued dedication to the local poetry community as a writer, performer, and host has made Mr. Snyder a champion for the written word, preparing him for the honor of becoming Vallejo's Poet Laureate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Robert McConnell, Mayor of the City of Vallejo, and the Vallejo City Council, do hereby proclaim and appoint Jeremy Snyder as the third Official Poet Laureate of the City of Vallejo, in recognition of his significant body of work, and his service to poetry and poets in Vallejo, for an additional term of two years, ending on December 31, 2023.

Dated: January 11, 2022




ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

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