



## 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 Vallejo Community Arts Foundation engaged the Poetry Vallejo Committee, a committee comprised of local literary experts, to review and choose the finalist to become the third Poet Laureate of Vallejo, California; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Vallejo is fortunate to have an active and united community of poets living and working in our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Vallejo resident Jeremy Snyder was selected from this community to be and has graciously agreed to serve as Vallejo's Poet Laureate for the term of January 2020 to December, 2021; 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, Bob Sampayan, Mayor of the City of Vallejo, and the Vallejo City Council, do hereby proclaim and appoint Jeremy Snyder as the Official Poet Laureate of the City of Vallejo, the third, in recognition of his significant body of work, and his service to poetry and poets in Vallejo, for a term of two years, ending on December 31, 2021.

Dated: January 28, 2020

  
BOB SAMPAYAN, Mayor

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