



PROCLAMATION

A DECADE OF POETIC UNITY – 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF VALLEJO'S POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, July 2025 marks the 10-Year Anniversary of the Vallejo Poet Laureate Program, established in 2015 to enrich our community through the art of poetry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Genea S. Brice served as Vallejo's Inaugural Poet Laureate from July 2015 to August 2017, using poetry as a vehicle for literacy and sharing her work locally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, D.L. Lang served as Poet Laureate from September 2017 to December 2019, contributing to 90 anthologies, including the Vagabond Lunar Collection archived on the moon, and authoring 18 poetry books; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Snyder served as Poet Laureate from January 2020 to December 2023, connecting individuals across different backgrounds and facilitating meaningful discussions on important social issues through poetry; and

WHEREAS, Jacalyn Eyvonne, current Co-Poet Laureate since January 2024, author of multiple works, Youth Poets in the Spotlight, Youth Poetry Puzzling, Youth Poetry Letter, Pencils and Dreams, Young Vallejo Poets Share Their World anthology, and hosting events that continue to elevate Vallejo's literary presence; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Herrmann, current Co-Poet Laureate since January 2024, teaching poetry to young people, hosting "Community Art Celebrated with Poetry," an ekphrastic event at Temple Arts Loft, promoting social justice through her work, and is completing her first poetry collection, "Cane In The Sand," and

WHEREAS, the Poet Laureate Program has significantly enhanced Vallejo's cultural landscape by engaging youth, promoting literacy, fostering community unity, and addressing social issues through the transformative power of poetry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Andrea Sorce, Mayor of the City of Vallejo and the Vallejo City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 26, 2025, as 'A DECADE OF POETIC UNITY DAY' in the City of Vallejo to honor the ten-year legacy of our Poet Laureate Program and its contributions to our civic identity."

Dated: July 22, 2025




ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

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