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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 28, 2018
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter

SUBJECT: Resolution amending Resolution 17-150 accepting the establishment of a Nevada County Poet Laureate Program and accepting the nomination and designation of the Poet Laureate by Nevada County Arts Council, Molly Fisk.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A.

BACKGROUND:

On March 28, 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 17-150 establishing a Nevada County Poet Laureate Program and accepting the nomination and designation of Molly Fisk as the Nevada County Poet Laureate for a one year term from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

The Nevada County Poet Laureate position duties include:

- a) In collaboration with Nevada County Arts Council, publishing poetry during their term
- b) Creating and reading poetry for community events and in coordination with the Nevada County Community Library when applicable
- c) Posting poetry to the Nevada County's designated Partner to the California Arts Council website
- d) Promoting the love of poetry in people of all ages
- e) Assisting in the orientation and training of the next Nevada County Poet Laureate
- f) Assisting in developing the role of the County's Poet Laureate during the program's first year, and – to this end – consultation on the creation of a Poet Laureate Operating Manual/Handbook, for use by future generations
- g) Representing the County in gatherings of other Poet Laureates for the purpose of

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promoting and advancing poetry, literacy, arts and culture

Resolution 17-150 also outlines that i) the term for the Nevada County Poet Laureate shall be for one year; ii) Nevada County shall not fund or reimburse the Poet Laureate for travel, conferences or time; iii) Nevada County Arts Council will offer a stipend of \$2,000 during the program's inaugural year; iv) prior to the existing term, Nevada County Arts Council will designate a poet laureate for the upcoming term with the participation of County staff during the selection process in a limited capacity; and v) the Nevada County Arts Council will when considering and nominating a Poet Laureate consider their qualifications including but not limited to a nosiness's ability to promote poetry, literacy and art and culture within Nevada County.

Subsequently and given Nevada County does not fund or reimburse the Poet Laureate for travel, conferences or time, it is recommended to amend Resolution 17-150 to provide Nevada County Arts Council with greater latitude when selecting, nominating and designating the Nevada County Poet Laureate to a length of appointment to a perpetual term, unless or until determined otherwise at the discretion of the Nevada County Arts Council and approval for the Board of Supervisors. Moreover, the Nevada County Arts Council may, upon their discretion, provide a stipend to the Poet Laureate beyond the Poet Laureate Program's inaugural year. Furthermore, the Nevada County Arts Council has nomintaed and re-designated Molly Fisk as the Nevada County Poet Laureate.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution amending Resolution 17-150 accepting the establishment of a Nevada County Poet Laureate Program and accepting the nomination and designation of the Poet Laureate by Nevada County Arts Council, Molly Fisk.

Item Initiated by: Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Administrative Analyst

Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter

Submittal Date:

Revision Date: