

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA CREATING THE CITY OF
ST. AUGUSTINE POET LAUREATE PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine's Strategic Plan includes an objective for Arts, Education and Community to be a more integral part of the community's rich arts and cultural scene, and to play a more active role in the development of art and cultural programs that will educate both our residents and our visitors; and

WHEREAS, poetry tells the history of human feeling and can sustain the emotional memory of a community; and

WHEREAS, poetry allows us to perceive our experience with greater richness and complexity and can carry us to the frontiers of linguistic imagination so that we can articulate our vision of the future; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of poetic traditions allows us to know more about our own culture and can serve as a passport to the cultures of others; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine has an interest in sharing its government viewpoint on topics of interest to the City by the use of poetry; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine intends to be the government speaker for works created, presented, or published as a St. Augustine Poet Laureate Work; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine desires to establish a City of St. Augustine Poet Laureate program and to develop terms and conditions of the program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That the City of St. Augustine hereby creates a City of St. Augustine Poet Laureate program.

Section 2. The following are the terms and conditions of the City of St. Augustine Poet Laureate program:

- a. The City of St. Augustine's Poet Laureate is a volunteer opportunity for interested St. Augustine residents or others having a connection to, and an interest in, the City of St. Augustine.
- b. The City Commission of the City of St. Augustine may designate one volunteer Poet Laureate every two years in January, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable. The Poet Laureate is appointed at the discretion of the City Commission and serves at the will of the City Commission.
- c. St. Augustine Poet Laureate Work: Any original poem specifically designated as a St. Augustine Poet Laureate Work ("Work") is intended to represent the City of St. Augustine Poet Laureate program. All other works of authorship of the Poet Laureate during their tenure are not intended to come under the regulations of this program. Poems identified as a St. Augustine Poet Laureate Work, are encouraged to be inspired by the history, culture, architecture, archeology, streetscape, environment, or people of the City of St. Augustine.
- d. The Poet Laureate is encouraged to share the love of poetry with the community through participation in City sponsored events, poetry readings, workshops, school outreach, or other civic holidays or cultural events. The City Commission may provide for small cultural or community grants available to reimburse out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Poet Laureate. This is not intended to create an employer-employee relationship, nor is it intended to create an expectation of funding beyond what may be approved through the City Commission's annual City budget, at the discretion of the City Commission.
- e. By participating as the designated City of St. Augustine's Poet Laureate, the Poet Laureate authorizes the City of St. Augustine to publish and reproduce, in various media formats, any poem identified as a St. Augustine Poet Laureate Work. The City of St. Augustine will not have exclusive use of the St. Augustine Poet Laureate Work nor own the copyright to a St. Augustine Poet Laureate Work; however, the author, on their behalf and on behalf of their successors, specifically authorizes the City of St. Augustine to use their St. Augustine Poet Laureate Work without fee or other compensation due to the author or successor of the copyright.
- f. Any poem identified as a St. Augustine Poet Laureate Work is intended to be the government speech of the City of St. Augustine, and the City may reject any such Work if it deems the Work unsuitable for this designation, at the City's discretion.
- g. The City of St. Augustine may end an individual's designation as City of St. Augustine Poet Laureate or may end the program of Poet Laureate at any time as determined by the City Commission.
- h. Applications for Poet Laureate will be available from the City Clerk's office and a Poet Laureate will be selected by the City Commission. If selected, the Poet Laureate agrees to complete the Volunteer/Intern Application and Agreement Form, comply with City policies and procedures, and comply with the terms and conditions of the City of St. Augustine Poet Laureate program.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida in regular session, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

Tracy Upchurch, Mayor-Commissioner

Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
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