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No. 6803-24.....

A RESOLUTION

Establishing The Poet Laureate of the City of Dayton.

WHEREAS, Poetry is an invaluable form of expression that enriches individuals and the community; and

WHEREAS, Poetry is an important form of literature and improves literacy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton desires to support the community of poets, promote literacy, and commemorate the City's culture and heritage; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DAYTON:

Section 1. The position of poet laureate is hereby established in the City of Dayton. The title of the position shall be "The Poet Laureate of the City of Dayton." The administration of the position of poet laureate shall be under the direction of the Mayor's office in partnership with Culture Works. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documentation to reflect this partnership and its terms.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the poet laureate shall be to: participate in civic events annually to encourage the reading and writing of literature by a wide range of city residents, including youth; commemorate the City of Dayton by composing poetry that speaks to, for and of our region, as well as Dayton's cultural heritage; promote literacy through fostering poetry in schools; and, fostering the development of poetry among youth.

Section 3. Qualifications; term; stipend.

- A. The Poet Laureate shall meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - i. Currently live or work in the City of Dayton and continue to live or work in the city of Dayton throughout the appointment;
 - ii. Have commissions or public work; have received recognition in the field and demonstrate literary excellence.
 - iii. Have demonstrated a previous commitment to promoting awareness of poetry.
 - iv. Be 18 years of age and older.
- B. The Poet Laureate shall serve a term of two years and can serve a second two-year term upon the approval of the Commission.

C. The position of the Poet Laureate of the City of Dayton shall receive an annual stipend of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1500.00) from the City of Dayton. Nothing in this section should prohibit or limit the Poet Laureate from receiving additional compensation from private sources for appearances at events not related to their public responsibilities.

D. The City of Dayton shall retain the license to use, reproduce, and compile the work created by the Poet Laureate in their official capacity.

Section 4. Selection.

The Poet Laureate of the City of Dayton shall be selected and appointed by the Mayor based upon the qualifications set forth in Section 2 above.

Adopted by the Commission....., 2024

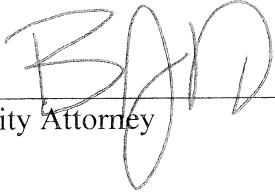
Signed by the Mayor....., 2024

Mayor of the City of Dayton, Ohio

Attest:

Clerk of the Commission

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

May 21, 2024

TO: Shelley Dickstein
City Manager

FROM: Darius Beckham, Senior Policy Aide
City Commission Office 

SUBJECT: Resolution Establishing the Poet Laureate of the City of Dayton.

The Mayor's Office intends to create an honorary position of Poet Laureate of the City of Dayton to recognize and promote the importance of literacy and the arts within the Dayton community.

As the arts service agency for the region, Culture Works will act as the facilitating agent for the City in the Poet Laureate process, managing the call for applications, the selection committee, the review of applications, and the recommendation of a poet candidate to the Mayor's Office. Further, Culture Works has agreed to act as fiscal agent of the honorarium proposed by the city.

Candidates for the position of Poet Laureate of the City of Dayton must meet the qualifications outlined in the attached resolution. Following the selection process, Mayor's Office will appoint a Poet Laureate of the City of Dayton. The Poet Laureate will serve a two-year term and be compensated an annual stipend of \$1,500. During the term, the Poet Laureate will be called upon by the Mayor's Office to compose poetry for specialty events and foster literacy programming throughout the City of Dayton.

If you have any question, please contact me at x3646 or City Commission Chief of Staff, Verletta Jackson at x3288.

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