



HONORING
ANGELINA LEAÑOS
YOUTH POET LAUREATE OF VENTURA COUNTY

WHEREAS, THE VENTURA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL AND THE LITERARY COMMUNITY OF VENTURA COUNTY WISH TO CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY AND HISTORY OF VENTURA COUNTY, AND ENDEAVOR TO PROMOTE ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH THE PERSON OF A POET LAUREATE; AND

WHEREAS, ANGELINA LEAÑOS IS A MEXICAN-AMERICAN POET FROM OXNARD, CALIFORNIA. IN 2021, SHE BECAME THE THIRD YOUTH POET LAUREATE OF VENTURA COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGH TEACHING AND POETRY READING, ANGELINA STRIVES TO INSPIRE BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS TO CREATE A WORLD IN WHICH DIVERSITY OF ALL KINDS IS NOT ONLY ACCEPTED BUT CELEBRATED; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGH HER WORK IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS, HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES, SHE HAS ENCOURAGED UNDERSTANDING OF, AND ENTHUSIASM FOR, POETRY AMONG OUR YOUTH; AND

WHEREAS, SHE HAS READ HER WORK AT NUMEROUS COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS THROUGHOUT VENTURA COUNTY, INCLUDING EVENTS IN THE CITIES OF CAMARILLO, OJAI, OXNARD, SANTA PAULA, SIMI VALLEY, THOUSAND OAKS, AND VENTURA; AND

WHEREAS, AS A REVERED POET AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CREATIVE COMMUNITY IN VENTURA COUNTY, SHE PRESENTED A POEM AT THE INAUGURAL TOURISM AND CREATIVE ECONOMY SUMMIT, WHICH WAS RECEIVED WITH A STANDING OVATION; AND

WHEREAS, BEING RECOGNIZED FOR HER TALENT, GIFTS, AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, SHE WAS COMMISSIONED TO WRITE, AND DELIVER, A POEM SPECIFIC TO VENTURA COUNTY AT THE 2022 STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS, AGAIN RECEIVED WITH PRAISE AND APPLAUSE; AND

WHEREAS, HER CALL TO SERVICE HAS LED HER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALIFORNIA POETS IN THE SCHOOLS AND THE VENTURA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL; AND

WHEREAS, SHE HAS SEVERAL PUBLICATIONS, WITH HER MOST RECENT BEING "THE EARTH IS ALSO ALIVE," "MY BIRTH FROM THE EARTH," AND "BLEEDING GOLD," IN THE SPRING 2022 EDITION OF CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY'S *MORNING GLORY* LITERARY MAGAZINE; AND

WHEREAS, A SECOND-GENERATION MEXICAN-AMERICAN, SHE WRITES OF HER UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP TO BOTH ASPECTS OF HER CULTURE. HER POETRY CONSISTS OF CELEBRATIONS OF DIVERSITY, MESSAGES OF SELF-LOVE AND HOPE, APPRECIATION FOR THE NATURAL WORLD, AND CALLS TO ACTION FOR RACIAL, SOCIAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN HONORING ANGELINA LEAÑOS FOR HER SERVICE AS THE YOUTH POET LAUREATE OF VENTURA COUNTY IN 2021 AND 2022.

PRESENTED ON THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY 2023

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT

VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT