

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2018 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-50-2018

Proposed by Council Members Patterson and Toles

Introduced by Council Members Patterson, Toles, Davis, Glaros, Turner,

Co-Sponsors Taveras, Franklin and Harrison

Date of Introduction July 24, 2018

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 County Poet Laureate Program

3 For the purpose of supporting the establishment of a County Poet Laureate Program under the
4 auspices of the Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC) to highlight literary arts
5 and promote appreciation for poetry, to inspire deeper engagement in the written and spoken
6 word in Prince George’s County.

7 WHEREAS, the County Poet Laureate Program will act as an advocate for poetry, prose
8 and the arts, and will create a unique artistic legacy through public readings and civic events; and

9 WHEREAS, the mission for the laureateship is to raise the status of poetry in the everyday
10 consciousness of Prince Georgians; and

11 WHEREAS, the County Poet Laureate Program would recognize local poets of merit and
12 significant standing inside and outside of Prince George’s County exhibiting valued
13 contributions to the community at large to assist in the creation of programs that would establish
14 a distinguished platform for the spoken and written word while combining the arts with youth
15 literacy in Prince George’s County; and

16 WHEREAS, PGAHC is an independent non-profit organization designated by the Prince
17 George’s County government to coordinate financial support and advocacy for the arts and
18 humanities through grants, artistic programs and creative partnerships among business,
19 education, government and residents; and

20 WHEREAS, PGAHC by virtue of its mission, vision, and experience has demonstrated a
21 commitment to advancing the literary arts through ongoing support of poets via PGAHC grants,
22 supporting youth poet activities and establishing impactful literary arts programming through

1 PGAHC artists in residencies in the County’s public schools and producing the Festival of
2 Literary Arts (FOLA).

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
4 County, Maryland, that the Prince George’s County Council endorses the establishment of a
5 County Poet Laureate Program, including the appointment of a County Poet Laureate, under the
6 auspices of the Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council to highlight literary arts and
7 promote appreciation for poetry and to inspire a deeper engagement in the written and spoken
8 word in Prince George’s County.

Adopted this 18th day of September , 2018.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Dannielle M. Glaros
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council