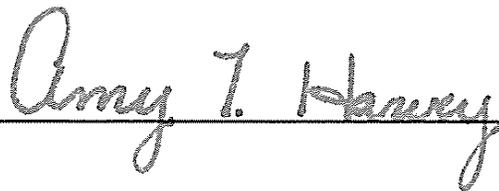


I, Amy T. Harvey, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2019-11-20/R-3.1) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on November 20, 2019.

This the 21st day of November, 2019.


A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy T. Harvey" is written over a solid horizontal line.

**Amy T. Harvey
Deputy Town Clerk**



**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL'S FIRST POET LAUREATE
(2019-11-20/R-3.1)**

WHEREAS, vibrant, diverse communities embrace, promote and appreciate the value of the cultural arts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting the cultural arts through the funding of arts organizations and by installing a variety of public art throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, poetry is an art form that has been used throughout human history to chronicle the times, give voice to the voiceless and inspire generations to create and to love and to cry out for change; and

WHEREAS, the position of poet laureate for municipalities has become a popular way to show support for the arts; and

WHEREAS, our regional partners in the Towns of Carrboro and Hillsborough have both created this position in the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Town resident C.J. Suitt is a renowned poet in North Carolina and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Suitt has been published in several collective works of poetry including Sacrificial Poets Presents: The Classics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Suitt received the 2009 Metamorphosis Champion Award for ongoing efforts to promote poetry with the youth in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby approves the creation of the honorary position of Poet Laureate to be initially housed in the Town Manager's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poet Laureate will receive an honorarium of \$2,000 for a two-year term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council agrees to appoint Mr. C.J. Suitt as the Town's first Poet Laureate, effective January 1, 2020.

This the 20th day of November, 2019.