

1 [Commending Kim Shuck - San Francisco's Seventh Poet Laureate]

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3 **Resolution commending Kim Shuck on her appointment as San Francisco's seventh**
4 **poet laureate and celebrating her inaugural address on September 14, 2017, at the Main**
5 **Library.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco is known for our great multi-cultural literary tradition which
8 continues with thriving bookstores, innovative authors, the splendid Main Library, 27 branch
9 libraries - one in every neighborhood, multiple literary festivals, and poets and artists galore;
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11 WHEREAS, Mayor Edwin M. Lee has appointed Kim Shuck, a resident of the Castro,
12 as San Francisco's seventh Poet Laureate and stated that "Kim's stirring poetry celebrates the
13 spirit of San Francisco and reflects the open and inclusive values of this city;" and

14 WHEREAS, Shuck is a published author whose poetry focuses on her multiethnic
15 background which includes Polish and Cherokee heritage, and her experiences as a lifelong
16 resident of San Francisco whose work includes several full length poetry books, including
17 *Clouds Running In, Rabbit Stories, and Smuggling Cherokee* and a chapbook, *Sidewalk NDN*;
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19 WHEREAS, She is also an educator who has taught at all levels, including at San
20 Francisco State University and at the California College of the Arts and has volunteered in
21 San Francisco Unified School District classrooms for more than 20 years; and

22 WHEREAS, In her poet laureate interest letter, Shuck wrote that she had "grown up on
23 MUNI, in the local parks and libraries, observing growth and changes" and that she loves "the
24 San Francisco Public Libraries" and that in her family "getting a first library card was more
25 important than getting a driver's license," and

1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Library spearheaded the process for the
2 selection of the new poet laureate by coordinating a nine-member committee comprised of
3 past poet laureates, city officials, and members of the Bay Area poetry and literary
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, Previous poet laureates include Alejandro Murguía, Diane Di Prima,
6 Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Janice Mirikitani, devorah major, and Jack Hirschman; and

7 WHEREAS, Shuck’s first foray as poet laureate will be on September 14 as she
8 delivers her inaugural address and she will continue her reign by participating in community-
9 based poetry events, leading poetry readings at Litquake, the city’s leading literary festival,
10 and by attended several poetry-centered events in collaboration with the San Francisco Public
11 Library, WritersCorps and Friends of the San Francisco Public Library; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 commends and congratulates Kim Shuck on her appointment as Poet Laureate and looks
14 forward to her furthering the grand literary heritage of our City; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the people of San Francisco are encouraged to come
16 and hear Shuck read her poetry and discuss her plans as poet laureate during her free
17 inaugural celebration on September 14, 2017, at 6:00 PM at the Main Library in the Koret
18 Auditorium.

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