## **RESOLUTION NO. 10-230**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUPERTINO DESIGNATING A CUPERTINO POET LAUREATE

WHEREAS, the study of literature forms a vital part of our shared and diverse culture;

and

WHEREAS, poetry expresses personal and public stories in an art form accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, poetry forms an important part of our citizen's education about culture and history; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that children who read poetry show improvements in vocabulary, critical analytical skills, and reading comprehension; and

WHEREAS, reading and writing poetry give children and adults an outlet for their feelings, experiences, and questions about their world; and

WHEREAS, California was the first state to appoint a poet laureate and many communities in California have successfully appointed poets laureate; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the "Poet Laureate" is hereby established in the Cupertino

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cupertino Poet Laureate Select Committee shall oversee the selection and administration of the Poet Laureate program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cupertino this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2010 by the following votes:

Vote

Members of the City Council

AYES: NOES: **ABSENT: ABSTAIN:**  Wong, Santoro, Chang, Mahoney, Wang None None None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mayor, City of Cupertino

Kimberly Inth City Clerk