

Introduced by: Councilmember Male

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2013-58**

**APPOINTMENT OF MERRILL LEFFLER AS TAKOMA PARK POET LAUREATE**

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park Poet Laureate program was established in May 2005 as a means of honoring the achievement of a local poet, while encouraging young and old to strive for greater expressive abilities and creating a wider appreciation of poetry and literature; and

**WHEREAS,** a poet laureate is a symbol of the important role the arts play in our civic life and creative expression and can be a source of pride and public pleasure for all Takoma Park residents.

**WHEREAS,** the Arts and Humanities Commission has forwarded for Council approval its recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Merrill Leffler, a respected poet and a resident of Ward 3, for a second term as Takoma Park's Poet Laureate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park hereby appoints Mr. Merrill Leffler for a second term as Takoma Park Poet Laureate beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2015.

**Adopted this 9th day of September, 2013.**

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk