CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2016-6

APPOINTING THE 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; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill Leffler, the current Takoma Park Poet Laureate has served in this capacity since his initial appointment in 2011 and has proven to be a tremendous advocate for the important role poetry plays in our everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the Arts and Humanities Commission has forwarded for Council approval its recommendation for the reappointment of Mr. Leffler as Takoma Park Poet Laureate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park hereby continues Mr. Merrill Leffler’s appointment as Takoma Park Poet Laureate beginning April 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2018.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2016.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk