

Introduced by: Councilmember Male

**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