

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2018-36**

**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,** the Arts and Humanities Commission has forwarded for Council approval its recommendation for the appointment of Ms. Kathleen O'Toole, a respected poet and a resident of Ward 3, as Takoma Park=s Poet Laureate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park hereby appoints Ms. Kathleen O'Toole as Takoma Park Poet Laureate for a two-year period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020.

**Adopted this 11th day of July 2018.**

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk