

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of Recognizing Jermaine Gitana, Esmeralda Noyola, and Tessa Brubaker for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" 2021 Competition

Resolution No. 2021/89

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County are pleased to extend congratulations to Jermaine Gitana, Esmeralda Noyola, and Tessa Brubaker for placing first, second, and third in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" 2021 Competition; and

**WHEREAS**, Jermaine Gitana, a senior at Pinole Valley High in Pinole, was awarded First Place, Esmeralda Noyola, a junior at Deer Valley High in Antioch, was awarded Second Place, and Tessa Brubaker, a junior at San Ramon Valley High in Danville, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" Competition on February 11, 2021, a competition which emphasizes language skills and public speaking; and

**WHEREAS**, "Poetry Out Loud" is a program started by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and run by the California Arts Council in the State and locally by the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County (ACC5), to engage high school students in the presentation of poetry through memorization and performance; and

**WHEREAS**, this is Contra Costa County's fourteenth year participating in the "Poetry Out Loud" competition; and

**WHEREAS**, students recitations were viewed at the Virtual Screening and Awards Ceremony Facebook Live event which were watched by almost one thousand viewers; and

**WHEREAS**, the pool of finalists included students from the following seven high schools in the County: Concord High School, San Ramon Valley High School, John Henry High School, College Park High School; Prospects High School, Deer Valley High School and Pinole Valley High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Jermaine Gitana, Esmeralda Noyola, and Tessa Brubaker gave extraordinary recitations along with a very competitive group of finalists; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Poetry Out Loud" program seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers by recognizing the latest trends in poetry: recitation and performance; and

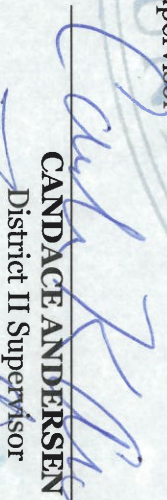
**WHEREAS**, to excel as winners of this year's competition have, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm and hard work

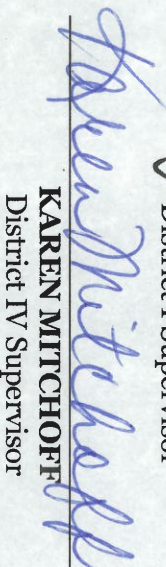
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California does hereby recognize Jermaine Gitana, Esmeralda Noyola, and Tessa Brubaker for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" 2021 Competition and extend this expression of pride in their accomplishments.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021.*

  
**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

  
**DIANE BURGIS**  
Chair,  
District III Supervisor

  
**CANDACE ANDERSEN**  
District II Supervisor

  
**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
District IV Supervisor

  
**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor



I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: March 23, 2021

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  Deputy