

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, APPOINTING LAURA MCDERMOTT MATHERIC AS THE CITY'S FIRST POET LAUREATE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM TO PROMOTE POETRY AND THE LITERARY ARTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut supports the arts and is seeking ways to make the arts more vibrant and accessible to all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to promote poetry and the literary arts to all sectors of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages the reading of existing and new poetry at civic occasions, local celebrations, and City-sponsored events; and

WHEREAS, Laura McDermott Matheric received her Master of Fine Arts in Poetry from Florida International University, is a published author of poetry, is the Co-founder and Executive Director of the Orange Island Arts Foundation, and is a tenured professor at Broward College, who regularly teaches writing workshops and a literature course at Broward College and throughout the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission hereby appoints Laura McDermott Matheric as the first Poet Laureate for the City of Coconut Creek for a two-year term beginning on September 1, 2022, and ending August 31, 2024.

Section 3: That if any clause, section, other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this resolution.

Section 4: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Joshua Rydell, Mayor

Attest:

Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Rydell _____

Welch _____

Tooley _____

Railey _____

Brodie _____