

October 13, 2020
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**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Indian River County Poet Laureate

FROM: Susan Adams
Commissioner, District 1

The Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation has chosen Sean Sexton to serve as the Indian River County Poet Laureate from September 1, 2020 through September 24, 2024. Please find letter attached.

Attachment: Letter from the Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation



Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation
1914 14th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32960
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Dear Board of County Commissioners,

In 2016, the Indian River County Commission designated Sean Sexton as the county's first Poet Laureate for a term of four years. The mission of the Poet Laureate is to promote poetry and other literary forms to the County's diverse population. Since then, each year Sean has offered several public poetry programs, taught poetry workshops to high school students, judged poetry competitions, and arranged for nationally ranked poets to come to Vero Beach to participate in a celebration of National Poetry Month. Through these efforts over the years, he has reached many hundreds of local residents as well as visitors.

The Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation is delighted to announce Sean Sexton as the Indian River County Poet Laureate for a four-year second term. Through his tireless work with our foundation and other local organizations, Sean is helping to awaken interest in poetry in every part of our community. As a consequence, Indian River County is becoming known locally, nationally, and internationally as a community that values the writing arts, and much of that has been because of Sean's presence as our Poet Laureate.

If you agree, Sean will serve as the Indian River County Poet Laureate through September 2024.

Sincerely,

Louise Kennedy
Executive Director
Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation