

## Proclamation

- Whereas,** Alameda is a community known for the arts in all its myriad forms enriching the lives and culture of its residents; and
- Whereas,** poetry provides an opportunity for everyone to enjoy creative writing and allows individuals to express their imagination and innovation; and
- Whereas,** A Poet Laureate is a symbol of the important role that the arts play in the lives of our community members; and
- Whereas,** the honorary position of Poet Laureate recognizes outstanding poets whose work has enriched the Alameda community; and
- Whereas,** the submitted applications were so highly qualified and so aptly reflected the diverse demographics of our city that the Poet Laureate Selection Committee decided to select two Poets Laureate; and
- Whereas,** the two selected Poets Laureate have written a broad variety of outstanding poetry that reflects life experiences crossing age, race, gender, life experience and ethnicity; and
- Whereas,** Gene Kahane is an Alameda poet, writer, actor, teacher, and drama director; and
- Whereas,** his poetry has been published to commemorate events, honor colleagues and students; and
- Whereas,** Gene Kahane has taught numerous classes in the Alameda Schools; and
- Whereas,** Gene Kahane is passionate about inspiring the community of Alameda to engage in poetry and the cultural arts in Alameda and beyond.

**Now, therefore be it resolved,** that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim

**Gene Kahane, Alameda Poet Laureate**

I encourage all residents to join in the enjoyment of the works of this accomplished poet and author, in the celebration of the rich artistic literary heritage in the City of Alameda.

  
Trish Herrera Spencer

Mayor