

PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of The 2006-2007 Seattle Poet Populist

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle seeks to highlight local poets; introduce citizens to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry; make poetry an important part of our children's education; bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has been home to a number of world-renowned poets, such as Theodore Roethke, Richard Hugo, Heather McHugh, James Welch, and Colleen McElroy; and

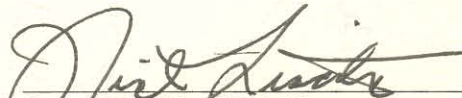
WHEREAS, through Words' Worth, the Council's poetry program instituted in 1998, the personal power of poetry has interrupted the routine of government with surprise and enlightenment, giving rise to the quote by Percy Bysshe Shelley that "Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world"; and


WHEREAS, since 1999, the people of Seattle have chosen through a popular vote an official Poet Populist; and


WHEREAS, Seattle literary organizations recently nominated seven local poets as candidates for election to the position of Poet Populist for the City of Seattle, with candidate Jourdan Keith having received the most votes - 321 of the 1,015 votes cast;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

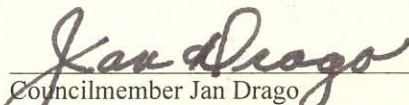
Jourdan Keith is hereby declared the winner of the 2006-2007 Seattle Poet Populist election and can now, as the official Seattle Poet Populist, begin representing and promoting the principals of populist poetic expression when performing in and around Seattle during her one-year term.

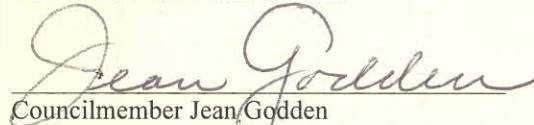

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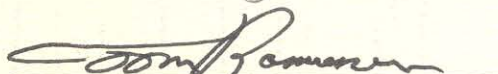

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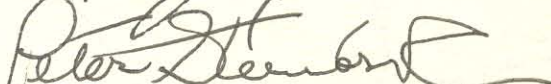

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