

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR POET
LAUREATE**

**(Contract between the City of Joliet and Uxmar Torres for the services of Poet
Laureate from 2024 to 2026)**

WHEREAS, the City of JOLIET, Illinois (the “City”) is a duly organized and existing municipal corporation created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Joliet Arts Commission was established by the Mayor and City Council to, in part, explore opportunities and recommend suggestions for creative placemaking opportunities and offer advice on relevant city projects that could incorporate artistic endeavors or artistic considerations; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of that goal, the Joliet Arts Commission issued a request for qualifications for a Poet Laureate to serve from 2024 to 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Joliet Arts Commission conducted a public reading on May 16, 2024 of three finalists to determine the selected Poet Laureate for the upcoming term of service; and

WHEREAS, the Joliet Arts Commission and public reading panel of judges found Mr. Uxmar Torres to be the most qualified candidate for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that it is in the best interests of the City of Joliet to promote the arts in a manner that reflects the values of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City is a home rule unit of local government entitled to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including, but not limited to, the power to establish commissions and promote the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AND HOME RULE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in the remainder of this Resolution are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

SECTION 2: The Mayor and the City Council hereby find and determine that it is necessary and beneficial to the City of Joliet to enter into a contract for the position of Poet Laureate.

SECTION 3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Contract, which is substantially the same as Exhibit “1” attached hereto and incorporated herein. The City Manager is authorized to take such action as may be necessary for the City to comply with the terms thereof.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

SECTION 5. All resolutions or parts of Resolutions conflicting with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Be it further resolved that the passage of this Resolution be inscribed permanently in the records of the proceedings of the Joliet City Council.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

VOTING YES: _____

VOTING NO: _____

NOT VOTING: _____