

A RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

WHEREAS, Joseph Bruchac, writer, educator, musician, storyteller and poet, was born and raised in Saratoga Springs, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bruchac is renowned for his knowledge of Indigenous Americans, particularly those in the Northeast. He is the author of more than 120 books, along with many poems and short stories. He has received the Knickerbocker Award from the New York Library Association, the Carter G. Woodson Book Award, a Rockefeller Humanities fellowship, a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, the Cherokee Nation Prose Award, the Hope S. Dean Award for Children's Literature, both Writer of the Year and Storyteller of the Year Awards from the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers, and the Native Writers Circle of America Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to all this, he is greatly appreciated for his efforts in assisting many Native writers to get their works published; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bruchac's carefully researched and crafted work opens up to us the culture and folklore of people who have been often left out of the story of our country. He is a well known and well respected member of our community, and he is warmly received and acclaimed everywhere he appears. He raises awareness of our region's history and of the things that make it a special and important place,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council hereby appoints Joseph Bruchac as Poet Laureate of the City of Saratoga Springs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Poet Laureate Committee, comprised of Rachel R. Baum (Chair), Terence Diggory, Richmond Harvey, Charlie Israel, Maria McColl, Gina Michelin, Elaine Handley (at-large), and Lisa Kolosek (at-large), which reviewed candidates for Poet Laureate and recommended Dr. Bruchac's appointment, be recognized and commended for their excellent work and their outstanding service to our community, and that said Committee be hereby dissolved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Poet Laureate will be under the supervision and guidance of the Mayor's Office in consultation with the Arts Commission, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Poet Laureate will provide an annual report to the City Council of his/her activities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Poet Laureate will always strive to create community in the City of Saratoga Springs.

Dated:

Ayes:

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY  
By: Dillon Moran, City Clerk