



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No City appropriation required.

Title

Naming Justin Festge-Russell as Madison's 2024-25 Youth Poet Laureate.

Body

WHEREAS, poetry promotes dialogue and understanding between generations; and

WHEREAS, poetry promotes civic responsibility, civic engagement, empathy, understanding, and mutual connection; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2021, the Madison Common Council passed Resolution No. 68286, RES-21-00343, establishing a Youth Poet Laureate Program; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the Madison Arts Commission issued a call for the 2024-25 Madison Youth Poet Laureate with a deadline of June 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, at their June 11, 2024 meeting, the Madison Arts Commission, in consultation with Madison Poet Laureate Steven Dawson, met to vet Youth Poet Laureate applications; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration the Madison Arts Commission recommended that Justin Festge-Russell, Usin, Crystal Huang be named Finalists and Jusitn Festge-Russell serve as the 2024-25 Madison Youth Poet Laureate and Crystal Huang as the alternate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison names Justing Festge-Russell to serve as Madison's 2024-25 Youth Poet Laureate, with Crystal Huang as alternate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Justin Festge-Russell will be invited to read a poem at the September 10, 2024 Common Council meeting.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Justin Festge-Russell shall be known as the "Madison Youth Poet Laureate" from September 10, 2024 through August 31, 2025.