

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING FRANCIS SMITH TOWN OF EMMITSBURG, POET LAUREATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Emmitsburg wishes to encourage reflection upon the richness and diversity of the people, locations and traditions of the Town of Emmitsburg; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2019, the Board of Commissioners established a two-year, honorary position of Poet Laureate of Emmitsburg, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate of the Town of Emmitsburg encourages the reading, writing, sharing and celebration of poetry; and

WHEREAS, Francis Smith has been selected by the Board of Commissioners and Mayor, as the Town of Emmitsburg's Poet Laureate for a two-year term; and

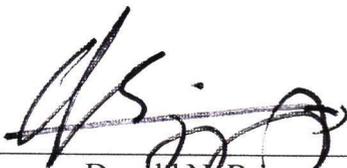
WHEREAS, Francis and his family are long time Emmitsburg area residents and in addition to many other roles, Francis had taught English and Latin for 40 years at local high schools before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Francis is an accomplished poet with several publications, is active at the Emmitsburg Library, and writes poems monthly for a local paper; and

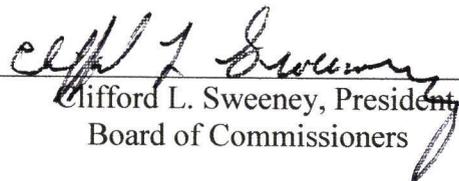
WHEREAS, Francis is passionate about inspiring the Town of Emmitsburg to engage in poetry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland do hereby declare Francis Smith as the honorary Town of Emmitsburg Poet Laureate.

ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2019.



Donald N. Briggs
Mayor



Clifford L. Sweeney, President
Board of Commissioners