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Proclamation honoring Youth Poet Laureate Carson Borbely

PROCLAMATION  
Honoring Carson Borbely  
June 6, 2016

- WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor and the Mayor’s Office would like to recognize Carson Borbely for her appointment as the first ever Ann Arbor Youth Poet Laureate; and
- WHEREAS, The Youth Poet Laureate program recognizes youth writers and leaders who are committed to civic and community engagement, poetry and performance, human relations, diversity, and education; and
- WHEREAS, Youth voice and community engagement are vital for empowering young people to effect positive change in their community and beyond; and
- WHEREAS, Carson Borbely was chosen from a group of outstanding and talented youth poets who participated in a selection process requiring five original poems and an essay focusing on the power of poetry and the spoken word; and
- WHEREAS, Carson Borbely has been part of the Neutral Zone’s Literary Arts programs for over half-a-decade and encouraged and inspired multitudes of young people with her bold and provocative poems; and
- WHEREAS, Carson Borbely has written with grace, elegance and immeasurable power about difficult topics and often given voice to the politically, economically and socially voiceless; and

WHEREAS, Carson Borbely has become immersed in the study of language and literature in order to create beautiful and powerful literary art.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan would like to honor Carson Borbely as Ann Arbor Youth Poet Laureate and for giving voice to the youth of our community.

I hereby set my hand and seal  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016

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Christopher Taylor  
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor