

Town of Dunn Proclamation Appointing John Herm as the Poet Laureate of the Town of Dunn

WHEREAS, John Whitton Herm, Town of Dunn resident of 2533 Lalor Road, and known professionally as John Herm, M.D. has been writing poetry as a Dunn resident for 13 years, and

WHEREAS, John Whitton Herm has written many beautiful and heartfelt poems fitting with the character and values of the Town of Dunn, including family, neighbors, farm life, the old buildings on his property, nature, and the passing of seasons, and

WHEREAS, John Whitton Herm has read his poems at neighborly gatherings, special occasions or to greet and celebrate the next season, including poems read at Margaret Lalor's 90th birthday party and her funeral, and

WHEREAS, 1972 Pulitzer Prize Winner Wallace Stegner proclaimed that “No place is a place until it has found its poet”, and

WHEREAS, the Dunn Town Board accepted the nomination of John Whitton Herm as the first ever Town of Dunn Poet Laureate to express our collective appreciation for the community we sustain, support, and nurture, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dunn may call upon its Poet Laureate to compose poems for Town occasions and other government events worthy of commemoration, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dunn Poet Laureate is an honorary position and carries with it the esteem and appreciation of the Town of Dunn citizens, and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Chair on behalf of the Town Board and residents of the Town of Dunn on this day appoint John Whitton Herm as POET LAUREATE OF THE TOWN OF DUNN.

July 18, 2011

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