



## PROCLAMATION EAST COUNTY READS

**WHEREAS**, Oakley is a community that recognizes the importance of reading for information, enjoyment and personal growth; and

**WHEREAS**, reading is an activity that knits generations together, captures the collective imagination of children, parents and all members of the extended family, and bridges the boundaries of communities and cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, reading encourages the discussions that make friends, deepens relationships and provides the context for profound self-education, and a respectful sharing of ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakley Library takes as its mandate the notion of Bringing People and Ideas Together; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate this memoir about the author's life before and after coming from Mexico to the United States as an undocumented immigrant in an inspirational coming-of-age story about the pursuit of a better life.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that I, Sue Higgins, Mayor of the City of Oakley, on behalf of the City Council does hereby proclaim October 2 through November 18 as the inaugural:

### **East County Reads: An Immigrant's Journey**

and encourages adults in our community to come together to read, discuss, enjoy, and share with family, friends and neighbors the autobiography *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande.

September 26, 2017

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Sue Higgins, Mayor