City of Santa Clara

- WHEREAS, the month of March is celebrated as Youth Arts Month; the City of Santa Clara is committed to supporting the arts to inspire and prepare students for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and allowing them to develop as productive, contributing members of a strong community; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara shares the vision of ensuring that students have access to highquality arts education that is culturally relevant and inclusive in all forms as part of a comprehensive education; and
- WHEREAS, Artspiration is a county-wide arts education initiative focused on student engagement and expression, professional development, advocacy, community partnerships, and communication; Artspiration supports the arts to foster creativity, imagination, innovation, and joy through direct arts instruction and integrated Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) learning; and
- WHEREAS, arts-learning strategies and arts integration help teachers to recognize and build upon critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, collaboration and are the traits required for post-secondary and workplace success; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara recognizes the month of March as Youth Arts Month and supports arts education throughout Santa Clara County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as

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in the City of Santa Clara and encourage arts in our classrooms and celebrate students' creativity, inspiration, and joy through artistic expression.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

LISA M. GILLMOR MAYOR City of Santa Clara