PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA DECLARING MARCH 2021 AS YOUTH ARTS MONTH

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month is an annual celebration in March supported through the Council for Art Education and is recognized by cities, counties, and states across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2020/2021 theme of Youth Art Month is "Art Connects Us"; and

WHEREAS, arts education helps students develop creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities, as well as provides students with a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to supporting the arts to inspire and prepare students for success in the 21st century by using arts education to reinforce the skills students will need to become productive, contributing members of a strong community; and

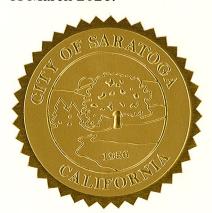
WHEREAS, art education brings creativity and innovation to the classroom through collaborative strategies developed by a team of administrators, teachers, parents, students, artists, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, arts-learning strategies and arts integration help students build critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, and collaboration, which are key traits for success in post-secondary education and the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga City Council is dedicated to bringing art to the City of Saratoga through the Public Art Committee's projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saratoga does hereby proclaim March 2021 as Youth Arts Month and encourages Saratoga residents to support the arts in schools.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA this 17th day of March 2021.



Yan Zhao, Mayor City of Saratoga