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 21st 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 high-quality 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 Youth Arts Month 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 16th day of February 2021.

LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara