



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** The City of Cupertino is committed to supporting the arts to inspire and prepare students for success in the 21st century, and to help our youth develop as productive, contributing members of a strong community; and
- WHEREAS,** Along with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, we share the vision of ensuring that students have access to a high-quality arts education that is culturally relevant and inclusive in all forms as part of a comprehensive education that sparks curiosity, imagination, creativity, and joy; and
- WHEREAS,** The month of March is recognized as Youth Arts Month in the State of California, and is an annual celebration to emphasize the value of art education for all children while encouraging support for art programs in schools; and
- WHEREAS,** Engagement in the arts significantly contributes to the mental health and social-emotional development of our youth, offering valuable pathways for self-expression, stress reduction, and the building of personal confidence; 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 traits required for post-secondary and workplace success; and
- WHEREAS,** Each March, art education is celebrated in local schools, school districts, community arts organizations, and larger communities to increase support, understanding, and interest in art education.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Kitty Moore, and the Cupertino City Council do hereby proclaim the month of March in the City of Cupertino as

Youth Arts Month

to support, encourage, and advocate for art education in our local classrooms and to celebrate students' creativity, inspiration, and joy through artistic expression.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cupertino to be affixed this Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Katherine "Kitty" Moore
The Honorable Kitty Moore
Mayor, City of Cupertino