

CITY OF MILPITAS PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** March is recognized nationally as Youth Arts Month, an annual celebration established by the Council for Art Education to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for high-quality school art programs; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education plays a vital role in developing creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and problem-solving skills that are essential for success in school, career, and civic life; and
- WHEREAS,** participation in the visual and performing arts fosters innovation, cultural awareness, and self-expression, while helping students build confidence and engage meaningfully in their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Youth Arts Month provides an opportunity for schools, families, businesses, and local governments to recognize student achievement in the arts and to strengthen community support for arts education; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2025–2026 Youth Arts Month theme, “*The World Needs Art*,” highlights the essential role the arts play in education and in shaping thoughtful, creative, and globally minded citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Milpitas values partnerships with educational institutions, including the Santa Clara County Office of Education and Milpitas Unified School District, in promoting opportunities that enrich the lives of young people through artistic expression;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carmen Montano, Mayor of the City of Milpitas and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the Month of **March 2026** in Milpitas as

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YOUTH ARTS MONTH

in the City of Milpitas, and encourage all residents to celebrate the artistic achievements of our youth and to support arts education throughout our community.

Proclaimed this 3rd Day of March 2026



Mayor Carmen Montano