

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA DECLARING
MARCH 2026 AS YOUTH ART MONTH**

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month has been celebrated each March since 1961 to emphasize the value of art education and to encourage support for high-quality school art programs. Youth Art Month provides a forum for acknowledging the skills fostered through participation in art education programs; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme of Youth Art Month is “The World Needs Art”; and

WHEREAS, art education is celebrated in local schools, school districts, community arts organizations, and larger communities to increase support, understanding, and interest in art education; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Education, Fine Arts are taught in nearly 60,000 classes in Santa Clara County. Studies have proven that arts learning strategies and arts integration help teachers to recognize and build upon critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, collaboration, which are the traits required for post-secondary and workplace success; 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

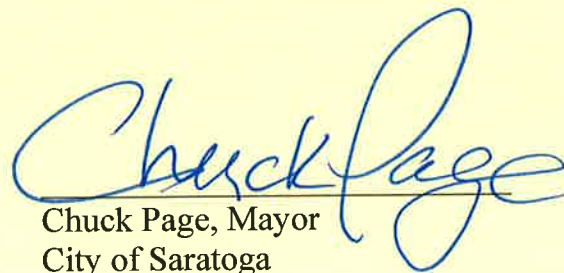
WHEREAS, we share in the vision to ensure that students have access to high-quality arts education that is culturally relevant and inclusive, sparking curiosity, imagination, creativity, and joy; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous long-term benefits of art education for all students, and there is a continued need to improve art education at all levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saratoga does hereby proclaim March 2026 as Youth Art Month and strives to increase community, business, and government support for art education for all students.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA this 4th day of March 2026.




Chuck Page, Mayor
City of Saratoga