Proclamation

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, National Youth Arts Month has been celebrated since 1984. The 2022 theme is Art Connects Us; 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 2022 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 22nd day of March 2022.

LISA M. GILLMOR  
MAYOR  
City of Santa Clara