

# CITY OF MILPITAS PROCLAMATION

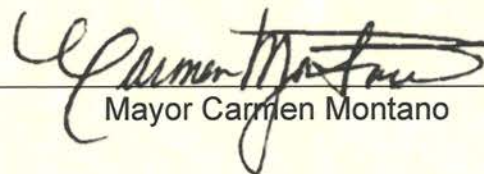
- WHEREAS,** the City of Milpitas is committed to supporting the arts and to inspire and prepare students for success, allowing them to develop as productive, contributing members of a strong community, and;
- WHEREAS,** Arts education such as music, theatre, dance, and the visual arts is an essential part of basic education for all students; and
- WHEREAS,** Joined by the Santa Clara County Office of Education, the City of Milpitas is committed to ensuring that students have access to high quality arts education that is culturally relevant and inclusive, sparking curiosity, imagination, creativity and joy; and
- WHEREAS,** Studies have proven that arts learning strategies and arts integration help teachers to recognize and build upon critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, and collaboration and are the traits required for post-secondary and workplace success; 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.

**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 2024** in Milpitas as

## YOUTH ARTS MONTH

And, in doing so, encourage arts in our community and the celebration of youth creativity, inspiration, and joy through artistic expression.

Proclaimed this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2024

  
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Mayor Carmen Montano

