

CITY OF MILPITAS PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Milpitas recognizes the transformative power of the arts in fostering personal growth, strengthening communities, and enriching lives, particularly for youth who express their creativity through visual arts, music, theatre, and dance; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education is an essential component of a well-rounded education, providing students with opportunities to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills that are vital for success in academics, careers, and civic engagement; and
- WHEREAS,** the theme of Youth Art Month 2025, "*Healing Through Color*," highlights the profound impact that artistic expression has on emotional well-being, allowing young artists to explore, process, and share their experiences while fostering resilience and mental wellness; and
- WHEREAS,** research demonstrates that engaging in the arts promotes social-emotional learning, enhances cognitive development, and supports mental health, offering students a creative outlet to navigate challenges and build confidence; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Milpitas, in partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, remains committed to ensuring that all students have access to inclusive, high-quality arts education that reflects diverse cultures and experiences, encouraging self-expression and unity; and
- WHEREAS,** the month of March is recognized as Youth Art Month in the State of California, serving as an annual celebration to emphasize the importance of arts education and to encourage ongoing support for arts programs in schools and communities
- 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 2025** 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 4th Day of March 2025




Mayor Carmen Montano