

City of Santa Clara
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of March is nationally recognized as Arts Education Month, which celebrates the benefits of arts education for students and recognizes the contributions of arts educators in the community; and

WHEREAS, Children's Art Month began in 1961 to emphasize the importance of art education, and in 1969 the celebration expanded to become Youth Art Month, which encourages the support of quality school art programs and promotes youth-made art; and

WHEREAS, arts-learning strategies and arts integration help teachers to recognize and build upon critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, and collaboration, all of which are key traits for success in education and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education has put forward a focused arts education initiative known as Artspiration to foster creativity, imagination, innovation, and joy through direct arts instruction and integrated Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) learning; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the City of Santa Clara are committed to supporting the arts to inspire and prepare students for success.

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 2024 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 19th day of March 2024.



Lisa M. Gillmor

LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara