

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA DECLARING
MARCH 2023 AS YOUTH ART MONTH**

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month is an annual celebration in March supported through the Council for Art Education and is recognized by cities, counties, and states across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2022/2023 theme of Youth Art Month is “Your Art, Your Voice”; and

WHEREAS, arts education helps students develop creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities, as well as provides students with a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; 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

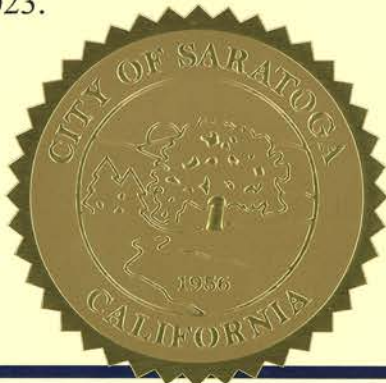
WHEREAS, art education brings creativity and innovation to the classroom through collaborative strategies developed by a team of administrators, teachers, parents, students, artists, and community leaders; and

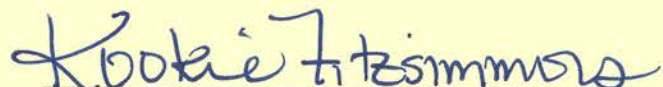
WHEREAS, arts-learning strategies and arts integration help students build critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, and collaboration, which are key traits for success in post-secondary education and the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga City Council is dedicated to bringing art to the City of Saratoga through its public art program and efforts of the Public Art Commission, such as Saratoga Loves Poetry, the Online Art Challenge, and Paint the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saratoga does hereby proclaim March 2023 as Youth Art Month and encourages Saratoga residents to support the arts in schools.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA this 1st day of March 2023.




Kookie Fitzsimmons, Mayor
City of Saratoga