

# City of Gilroy Proclamation



**HEREAS,**

the Council for Art Education administers Youth Art Month on a national level, and thousands of schools participate; and

**WHEREAS,**

the Santa Clara County Board of Education has recognized March as Youth Arts Month and 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,**

we share 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 that sparks 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,**

each March, Arts Education is celebrated in local schools, school districts, community arts organizations, and larger communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marie Blankley,** Mayor of the City of Gilroy, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, along with my colleagues on the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as

## YOUTH ARTS MONTH



*Marie Blankley*  
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MAYOR