

*City of Santa Clara*  
**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the month of March is celebrated as Youth Arts Month; the City of Santa Clara is committed to supporting the arts to inspire and prepare students for success, allowing them to develop as productive, contributing members of a strong community; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara shares 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; and

**WHEREAS,** Children Arts Month began in 1961 to emphasize visual art education and in 1969 the celebration expanded and became known as Youth Arts Month, and National Youth Arts Month has been celebrated since 1984; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2023 theme is “Your Art, Your Voice”, encouraging students to express their own unique interpretation of art and find their voice through visual representation; 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,** arts-learning strategies and arts integration help teachers to recognize and build upon critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, collaboration and are the traits required for post-secondary and workplace success; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara recognizes the month of March as Youth Arts Month and supports arts education throughout Santa Clara County.

**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 2023 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023.



*Lisa M. Gillmor*  
**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
**MAYOR**  
City of Santa Clara