



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2026 AS

## *Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month*

**WHEREAS**, April 2026 marks the 7<sup>th</sup> annual statewide celebration of **ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVITY MONTH**, first established by the California Legislature in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, in California, the arts sector provides employment, supports local businesses, and generates economic activity, with the creative economy accounting for \$288 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, in San Mateo County, the arts and culture sector employs over 14,000 residents and includes more than 70 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo recognizes **ARTS, CULTURE, & CREATIVITY** as essential to a thriving community and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts inspire discovery, lifelong learning, joy, and healing for residents of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, culture fosters connections, encourages understanding, and strengthens the social fabric of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Office of Arts and Culture, in partnership with the San Mateo County Arts Commission, leads efforts to expand arts access, community engagement, and public investment in the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Arts and Culture serves as the countywide State-Local Partner with the California Arts Council and supports nonprofit arts and cultural organizations through its Arts and Culture Grants Program, awarding approximately \$680,000 in grants over the past five years, and its Sponsorship Program, which supports art-related events, festivals, performances, and exhibits; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Arts Commission, comprised of volunteer representatives from each supervisorial district, serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and works to enrich the artistic and cultural life of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, this collective work at the local and state level fosters equity, uplifts our community, and enriches the lives of San Mateo County residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaim the month of **April 2026** as **ARTS, CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY MONTH** and encourages all residents to celebrate and support the creative spirit and cultural diversity that enrich our community.

*Dated: April 7, 2026*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS