

PROCLAMATION

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 2017 AS*

ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

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WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors values the arts for their contributions to the County’s quality of life and for their reflection of the diversity of the County’s residents; and, believes that the arts and creativity are essential to thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors recognize the arts as a vital and enriching segment of children’s education; and, that education in and through the arts encourages the development and use of imagination, creativity, and expression and fosters innovation; and

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, visual arts, creative writing, digital arts, and film are considered an essential component of the complete and balanced education for all students; and therefore, must be accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, learning in and through the arts enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and, cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Arts Commission advocates for a high caliber arts education for all students through its partnership with the San Mateo County Office of Education and the California State Summer School for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Arts Commission, in collaboration with the San Mateo County Office of Education, provides Educator Micro Grants for visual art supplies to classroom teachers in Title I schools; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Arts Commission provides Local Arts Grants that bring professional musicians, dancers, visual artists, actors, poets and writers together with students in public schools, boys and girls club afterschool programs, juvenile justice facilities, community centers, and workshops for families and children facing pediatric cancer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of March 2017 as Arts Education Month in San Mateo County and County does hereby express its appreciation to artists, arts educators, classroom teachers, administrators and arts education advocates throughout the County for their efforts to improve arts education in San Mateo public schools and promote equitable provision of arts learning for all students.

Dated: March 28, 2017

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

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DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors