



SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Betsy Dirks
District 1

Kollin Kosmicki
District 2

Peter Hernandez
District 3

Bob Tiffany
District 4

Bea Gonzales
District 5

IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022 AS ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVITY MONTH.

WHEREAS, The arts work to heal, build community, engage youth, advance racial justice and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, Arts are not only an impressive and vital agent for economic development but also impact societal issues that include health, corrections, housing, immigration, veterans, transportation and education; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative for all children and youth in California to have access to arts education in their schools; and

WHEREAS, California employs the highest number of people in creative industries – architecture, entertainment, fashion, media, and publishing – than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, California is the fifth-largest economy in the world, with a creative economy in 2019 of approximately \$232 billion representing 7.4% of the state’s GDP and 779,932 jobs, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis and

WHEREAS, Arts and culture are vital to the community and economic development of San Benito County, and residents in San Benito County shall have access to a full spectrum of art experiences and creative opportunities that advance racial and cultural equity and enrich quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33 on April 25, 2019, proclaiming April 2019, and every April thereafter, as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month, and In 2021, an additional resolution SCR 40 was declared to recognize artists as second responders and

WHEREAS, Efforts must continue to increase funding for the arts, arts education, and cultural bearers; and

WHEREAS, In a state as diverse as California, the arts serve to give voice to our many communities, spark individual creativity, foster empathy and understanding, spur civic engagement, and serve as a continual source of personal enrichment, inspiration, and growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the San Benito County Board Supervisors that April 2022 is a significant time to recognize and celebrate the arts, culture, and creativity of all Californians,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors designates April 2022 as Arts, Culture & Creativity Month; and

WHEREAS, the San Benito Arts Council has taken a leadership role by partnering with Californians for the Arts and collaborating with several local artists, arts organizations, and arts and cultural groups participating in regional and statewide partnerships with the California Arts Council, California for the Arts and American for the Arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 12th day of April 2022, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors recognizes and celebrates the arts, culture, and creativity of all Californians and designates April 2022 as “Arts, Culture and Creativity Month.”

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 12th day of April 2022

Bea Gonzales, Chair
San Benito County Board of Supervisors