



# *Proclamation*

- WHEREAS,** The City of Cupertino is committed to supporting the arts to inspire and prepare students for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and to help our youth develop as productive, contributing members of a strong community; and
- WHEREAS,** Along with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, we share the vision of ensuring that students have access to a 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,** The month of March is recognized as Youth Arts Month in the State of California, and is an annual celebration to emphasize the value of art education for all children while encouraging support for art programs in schools; 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 traits required for post-secondary and workplace success; and
- WHEREAS,** Each March, art education is celebrated in local schools, school districts, community arts organizations, and larger communities to increase support, understanding, and interest in art education.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Liang Chao, and the Cupertino City Council do hereby proclaim the month of March in the City of Cupertino as

## *Youth Arts Month*

to support, encourage, and advocate for art education in our local classrooms and to celebrate students' creativity, inspiration, and joy through artistic expression.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cupertino to be affixed this Tuesday, March Fourth, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Liang Chao'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

The Honorable Liang Chao  
Mayor, City of Cupertino