



**PROCLAMATION
of the
Board of Supervisors
County of Humboldt**

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 important 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, 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, the month of March is **Art is Education Month** and 2023 marks the 23rd annual celebration highlighting the important role of arts education as a core element of a high-quality and equitable education; 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, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby designates April 2023, as Arts, Culture & Creativity Month in Humboldt County.

Dated: April 4, 2023

Steve Madrone, Chair