



## **ARTS, CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY MONTH April 2026**

**WHEREAS**, Arts, Culture, & Creativity Month in April marks the 8th annual statewide celebration, first established by the California Legislature in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clearlake recognizes that arts, culture, and creativity are essential public goods, vital for the health and growth of thriving communities; and

**WHEREAS**, arts, culture, and creativity bring JOY by uniting communities, inspiring individuals, and celebrating the richness of our City's diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, arts, culture, and creativity inspire ACTION that drives positive change and strengthens the social fabric of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, arts, culture, and creativity POWER our City's capacity to address community challenges, including advancing equity, inclusion, and access; and

**WHEREAS**, arts, culture, and creativity shape neighborhood character, attract tourism, foster civic pride, and contribute to public safety and social well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, creativity sparks innovation, provides youth with a well-rounded education, and equips our future workforce with critical skills and civic values; and

**WHEREAS**, arts, culture, and creativity drive local economic growth, stimulate business activity, create jobs and workforce opportunities, and serve as essential pillars for small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, over 16,000 arts and culture nonprofits support more than 800,000 jobs and generate \$289 billion, representing 7.5 percent of the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, California is the fifth-largest economy in the world, with a creative economy of approximately \$261 billion—8 percent of the state's GDP—and 847,688 jobs in 2022, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, these collective efforts at the local, regional, and state levels promote innovation, prosperity, equity, and enrich the lives of all Californians; and

**THEREFORE**, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2026, the City Council of Clearlake, in the County of Lake, State of California, hereby proclaims April 2026 as Arts, Culture, & Creativity Month and encourages all residents to join in the celebration.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2026

Dirk Slooten, Mayor