



CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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PROCLAMATION

The City of Del Rey Oaks City Council

Hereby Celebrates The 10-year Anniversary of Palenke Arts

WHEREAS, Palenke Arts, based in Seaside, California, has served the Monterey Peninsula and Central Coast for ten years as a vibrant cultural organization dedicated to advancing arts education, cultural preservation, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, founded by Executive Director Juan L. Sánchez, Palenke Arts has become a regional hub for Latin American, Afro-Caribbean, and global arts programming, offering performances, workshops, youth programs, and community events that celebrate diverse cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, Palenke Arts has created inclusive spaces where artists, youth, families, and community members can connect through music, dance, visual arts, and storytelling, fostering creativity, cultural understanding, and intergenerational engagement; and

WHEREAS, Palenke Arts has played a significant role in strengthening the cultural fabric of Seaside and the greater Monterey Peninsula by expanding access to the arts and uplifting voices that reflect the richness and diversity of the region; and

WHEREAS, the organization's commitment to education and community-centered programming has positively impacted countless individuals and families, inspiring the next generation of artists and cultural leaders; and

WHEREAS, Palenke Arts will celebrate this important milestone with a 10-Year Anniversary Ribbon Cutting on May 13, 2026, and a community-wide Anniversary Festival on June 7, 2026, at Laguna Grande Park, bringing together residents and visitors in a shared celebration of culture and creativity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Donaldson of the City of Del Rey Oaks hereby recognizes and celebrates the 10-Year Anniversary of Palenke Arts and commends the organization for its outstanding contributions to arts, culture, and community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that all residents are encouraged to join in recognizing and supporting Palenke Arts and its continued mission to enrich the community through artistic expression and cultural connection.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Del Rey Oaks, California, to be affixed this 19th day of May, 2026.

Scott Donaldson, Mayor