



PROCLAMATION

Arts, Culture, & 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, Grass Valley is home to one of a select number of California Cultural Districts—Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District—this being a partnership between the City of Grass Valley, the City of Nevada City, Nevada County Arts & Culture, and the business communities of both townships, represented by the Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the City of Grass Valley 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**, inspire **action**, and generate **power** by uniting communities, strengthening our social fabric, and 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;

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, contributing \$66 million and nearly 1400 jobs to Nevada County's economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 14th day of April 2026, the City Council of the City of Grass Valley hereby proclaim April 2026, and every April thereafter, as Arts, Culture, & Creativity Month and encourage all residents to join in the celebration.

Dated this 14th day of April 2026

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Haven Caravelli, Vice Mayor

Jan Arbuckle, Council Member

Joseph Bonomolo, Council Member

Thomas Ivy, Council Member