



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Arts, Culture & Creativity Month April 2025**

**WHEREAS**, *Arts, Culture & Creativity Month* of April is the 7<sup>th</sup> annual statewide celebration first established by the California legislature in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grass Valley believes that arts, culture and creativity are essential to our thriving community; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of the arts impact our HEALTH by reducing depression, lowering stress hormones, and increasing longevity through regular engagement and attendance at cultural events; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of the arts impact our HOPE by fostering a sense of community and personal fulfillment, inspiring optimism and resilience in the face of challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of the arts impact our HEALING by offering therapeutic experiences that restore well-being, enhance mental and physical health, and support emotional recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, culture creates connections, encourages understanding, and strengthens community; and

**WHEREAS**, creativity sparks innovation, growth, and positive change; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, and countless local art organizations and artists lead efforts to advance the arts through programs, partnerships, and the community-building initiatives such as implementing public art programs within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grass Valley values partnering with the Nevada County Arts Council and state-level arts organizations such as California for the Arts and California Arts Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grass Valley partners with the City of Nevada City, the Grass Valley Chamber, the Nevada City Chamber, and with the Nevada County Arts Council in administering the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District under the California Cultural District Program, pursuant to Assembly Bill 189; and

**WHEREAS**, this collective work at the local level and throughout the state encourages racial equity, uplifts our community, and changes our lives for the better; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Grass Valley hereby proclaims the month of April 2025 as *Arts, Culture & Creativity Month*, and hereby encourages those who live, work, play, and create art in the City to join in the celebration!

Dated this 8th day of April 2025.

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Hilary Hodge, Mayor

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Haven Caravelli, Vice Mayor

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Jan Arbuckle, Council Member

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Joseph Bonomolo, Council Member

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Thomas Ivy, Council Member