

## PROCLAMATION

Arts, Culture and Creativity Month April 2023

**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 the state to have access to arts education in their schools; and

Whereas, In a city as diverse as Grass Valley, 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; and

**Whereas**, California is the fifth largest economy in the world, with a creative economy of approximately \$507.4 billion in 2021 according to the *2023 Otis Report on the Creative Economy*; 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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved that the Grass Valley City Council does herby proclaim the month of April 2023, as Arts, Culture and Creativity Month.

Dated this 11th day of April 2023

Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

Hilary Hodge, Vice Mayor

Haven Caravelli, Council Member

Bob Branstrom, Council Member

Thomas Ivy, Council Member