

2025 APRIL ARTS MONTH & NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica seeks to speak and lead and create conversations, building spaces, meaning and relationships as it goes;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica stands on stages and lives on the page, using brushes and colors and sound to serve the unique needs of individuals while watching out for the common good;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica asks us to stop and stand still, to stay present, to celebrate the bold and beautiful moment before moving on;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica gives us a place to put what we've learned, what we know, what we hope to create: a collective of community members making brave work in a vibrant city that strives to uplift, support, and inspire its inhabitants;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica asks us to tell the truth, to take a stand, to use our voices to say the most helpful and healing things we can think of;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica is an ally of change, born from an ever evolving discussion that unites - rather than divides us - and invites all of us to openly participate in an exchange of energy, inspiration and information;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica continues to preserve and nurture the human spirit through its festivals and public projects and its commitment to creating safe spaces in which we can honestly share questions, concerns and solutions;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica ennobles and encourages us by begging us to be courageous in our work and to carry on the lengthy tradition of all of the creative professionals who have come here to live and build things before us;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica - as curiosity's most loyal companion - asks us to lean in, to learn and to listen to each other through the bold work that we hang on the walls, the words that we write and the projects we produce for public spaces;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica comes from every corner of our community and reflects the cultures we come from, shows us where we stand and creates a path of possibility that points in the direction of where we can go next;

WHEREAS Art in Santa Monica grows and gives back what it borrows tenfold, creating a more conscious and compassionate world, wherever we bring and share and build our art, we bring hope;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Lana Negrete, MAYOR of the City of Santa Monica, on behalf of the Members of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April as Arts & National Poetry Month in the city of Santa Monica.

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2025

Lana Negrete

LANA NEGRETE, MAYOR

