



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tine Mathiasen, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2026 as Youth Art Month in Nevada County

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Youth at Art Month is an annual celebration of the visual arts by promoting art shows, special exhibits, fundraisers, and school and community activities to celebrate visual art education for grades K-12. Youth Art Month was started in 1961 through The Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (ACMI) with the goals to:

1. Recognize art education as a viable factor in the total education curricular that develops citizens of a global society.
2. Recognize art is a necessity for the full development of better quality of life for all.
3. Direct attention to the value of art education for divergent and critical thinking.
4. Expand art programs in schools and stimulate new art programs.
5. Encourage commitment to the arts by students, community organizations, and individuals everywhere.
6. Provide additional opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate in creative art learning.
7. Increase community, business, and governmental support for art education.
8. Increase community understanding and interest in art and art education through involvement in art exhibits, workshops, and other creative ventures.
9. Reflect and demonstrate the goals of the National Art Education Association that work toward the improvement of art education at all levels.

As a part of Youth Art Month, private and public schools across Nevada County will be invited to hang student artwork from grades K-12 in the upstairs landing and second floor hallways of the Eric Rood Administrative Center from March 1 to May 1, 2026. Not only does the proclamation raise awareness for art education but it also is widely admired by the public and staff alike.

Nevada County Superintendent Scott Lay will provide an informational presentation to the Board on Youth Art Month. Staff recommends adopting the attached resolution.

Item Initiated: Lisa Lane, Administrative Analyst II
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