



CITY OF OAKLAND

# Mayor's Proclamation



## DECLARING APRIL 2025 AS ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVITY MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Arts, Culture & Creativity Month of April is the 6th annual statewide celebration first established by the California legislature in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland believes that the arts are a powerful tool for fostering belonging and creating spaces where individuals from diverse backgrounds can come together and feel a sense of connection; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts have been shown to have a profound impact on violence prevention, offering opportunities for expression, healing, and community engagement that reduce crime, increase public safety, and support the overall well-being of Oakland's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland recognizes and uplifts the role that the arts, culture, and creative sectors play in the economic vitality of Oakland by contributing to job creation, local businesses, and the development of a thriving cultural economy that benefits all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland's Cultural Affairs Division, Cultural Affairs Commission, and the Economic & Workforce Development Department support and partner with creative sector businesses, artists, culturists, and arts and culture organizations deeply rooted in Oakland communities; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals and entities offer forms of arts and culture that enhance the understanding of and respect for Oakland's diverse cultural traditions and heritages, encourage the creative development and artistic education of all Oaklanders, and advance cultural and racial equity in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland values partnering in the work of the Alameda County Arts Commission; state-level cultural organizations such as the California Arts Council, California Humanities, and California for the Arts; and the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities; and

**WHEREAS**, this collective work at all levels encourages justice and racial equity, uplifts our community, and changes our lives for the better.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Kevin Jenkins, Mayor of the City of Oakland, California, do hereby proclaim **April 2025 as Arts, Culture & Creativity Month**, and encourage all residents to join in the celebration.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland to be affixed.



**KEVIN JENKINS, MAYOR,  
CITY OF OAKLAND**

