



Proclamation Recognizing Village Arts

Whereas **Village Arts** was founded in 2013 as a home for young people to discover, develop and display their passion for both the performance and visual arts; and

Whereas **Village Arts** in 2016 partnered with Faith Presbyterian Church to utilize Caldwell Hall to offer a musical theater program for young people in the local community; and

Whereas co-founders Pamela Shafer Moser and John Moser built **Village Arts** upon successful work in the local community with programs at Colfax School, Wesley School and other LAUSD schools; and

Whereas close to a generation of kids have now passed through **Village Arts** programs teaching them valuable tools that build confidence, creativity, core values and other important life skills; and

Whereas the commitment of **Village Arts** and their Board is demonstrated through the guiding principle that *all young people* should have access to the Arts and no child should be turned away if they don't have the means to pay, a commitment that has provided more than \$225,000 in scholarships and financial aid over ten years; and

Whereas **Village Arts** is an artistic anchor in the San Fernando Valley, with more than 50 performances per year totaling more than 500 performances over 10 years, reaching audiences of more than 5000 annually and well over 56,000 seats filled through the 10 years of artistic offerings; and

Whereas over 21 productions have graced the **Village Arts** stage since 2016 including *101 Dalmatians, Alice in Wonderland, Annie, Anything Goes, Aristocats, Bang Bang You're Dead, Beauty and the Beast, Frozen, High School Musical, Into the Woods, Lion King, Matilda, Mean Girls, Peter Pan, Shrek, Singin' In The Rain, The Music Man, Trolls, Willy Wonka, Wizard of Oz* and two original productions during COVID era restrictions; and

Whereas, these productions and other **Village Arts** programs bring joy and happiness to the actors, backstage crew and performance support teams, their families and audiences alike; and

Whereas the success of **Village Arts** since 2016 has made it a beacon of creativity and a neighborhood destination for other artistic endeavors such as bands, comedians, singalongs, theater workshops and readings and more; and

Whereas Valley Village is one of the most outstanding and dynamic neighborhoods in the city of Los Angeles, and Neighborhood Council Valley Village represents over 26,000 stakeholders living and working in our community;

Therefore be it resolved that the Board and Student Committee of Neighborhood Council Valley Village, on behalf of our stakeholders, acknowledge the contributions of this outstanding organization, and in doing so declare April 29, 2026 as VILLAGE ARTS DAY in Valley Village, and further, we commend Pam, John, their staff, volunteers and supporters for their outstanding service to our community.