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County of Santa Barbara

RESOLUTION NO. 25-226

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH AND COMMENDING STEFANIE HASSETT AND THE IAN M. HASSETT FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY ARTS IMPACT

WHEREAS, October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by the White House and Congress for more than three decades, celebrating the essential role of visual and performing arts, music, literature, and cultural expression in building human connection and enriching our communities; and

WHEREAS, through the County Arts Commission and initiatives such as the Percent for Arts Ordinance and Arts Making Impact Grants, the County invests in dynamic public spaces, expands access to the arts, and enhances community vitality; and

WHEREAS, this year the County Arts Commission has recognized Stefanie Hassett and the Ian M. Hassett Foundation with the Leadership in Arts Award for their dedication to expanding arts access and fostering cultural growth in northern Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Stefanie Hassett has built a lasting legacy of leadership, service, and community resilience by co-founding the Ian M. Hassett Foundation, stewarding the Santa Maria Arts Council, and helping to establish the City of Santa Maria's first Public Art Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ian M. Hassett Foundation has become an integral catalyst for the arts in northern Santa Barbara County, supporting emerging artists through scholarships, grants, and awards; creating mentorship opportunities for young people; and fostering artistic expression and confidence among adults with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge October as National Arts & Humanities Month, honoring the contributions of artists, cultural leaders, and residents who enrich the life of our County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 14th day of October 2025, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Maria Nigamati
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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