

**DRAFT****RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx****RESOLUTION APPROVING PROCLAMATION IN  
RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2022 AS  
“CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS MONTH” IN  
SUPPORT OF NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES  
MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I (Port Act); and

**WHEREAS**, section 35 of the Port Act allows the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) to do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers; and

**WHEREAS**, section 21 of the Port Act allows the BPC to pass all necessary resolutions for the regulation of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, National Arts and Humanities Month was launched in 1985 in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts, and since that time, it has grown exponentially into a coast-to-coast collective recognition of the importance of creativity and culture in America with thousands of government agencies and arts and cultural organizations joining the national celebration by approving proclamations and recognizing October with a month-long campaign to raise public awareness about the role of the arts in communities and people's lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts are the lifeblood of our communities, raising morale, creating community cohesion, and lifting spirits during difficult times, while also making a substantial economic impact to the region, and each year in October people come together to celebrate the power of the arts to ignite hope, unify communities, and be recognized as an economic driver and vital public service that affects lives for the better; and

**WHEREAS**, public art is an essential building component of public planning, development, and creative placemaking, and has helped establish Port tidelands as a world-class waterfront destination, providing a rich and culturally diverse environment that draws residents and visitors to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's permanent “Tidelands Collection” is a prime example of how the arts enhance and enrich lives, offering visitors free access to enjoy a collection of 70 District-owned artworks around San Diego Bay, including 40 of these artworks which were commissioned under Board Policy No. 608 - Tenant Percent for Art, enabling Port tenants and businesses seeking certain

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leasehold improvements and/or redevelopment to commission artworks as part of their leasehold agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, artwork can be found all around the tidelands: on the sides of buildings, set into sidewalks, and in open green park spaces and information on these important assets is available on the District's website and in the *Immerse Yourself in the Arts - Six Self-guided Tours Around San Diego Bay* booklet, which offers a unique cultural and recreational experience to the public in the form of informational walking tours of public art on tidelands; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2022, attendees at a public engagement event, learned about the artwork development process from distinguished artist Roberto Salas who was selected to create public art for the future Sweetwater Park in the Port of San Diego and City of Chula Vista's Chula Vista Bayfront redevelopment and the participants had the opportunity to engage directly with the artist by asking questions and making comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed proclamation serves as a continued acknowledgment of the District's long-standing role as a steward of the arts, supporting and promoting the arts on tidelands for the enrichment of residents and visitors to the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, does hereby proclaim and recognize October 2022 as Celebration of the Arts Month.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:  
GENERAL COUNSEL

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By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, by the following vote: