

Attachment A to Agenda File No. 2020-0297

Proclamation**Recognizing October 2020 as Celebration of the Arts Month**

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as the White House and U.S. Congress for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody and reflect the history, wisdom, culture, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American and play a unique role in our lives, our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, involvement in, and appreciation of the arts help to foster discipline, creativity, self-expression, and problem-solving skills, while also helping to develop greater cross-cultural understanding and bring communities together; and

WHEREAS, arts and cultural programming are an essential part of the creative economy, which attracts visitors, promotes diversity, and enhances the quality of life for the region; and

WHEREAS, arts and cultural programming strengthen our San Diego economy as indicated by data reporting that the total spending by the nonprofit arts and culture industry in San Diego County exceeds \$1 billion annually.

NOW, therefore, the Board of Port Commissioners and the staff of the San Diego Unified Port District do hereby continue the tradition--begun in 2016--to recognize October as Celebration of the Arts Month 2020 and call upon employees and other participants to learn about and join in the celebration of arts and culture month.

Dated this 6th day of October 2020

(All Commissioners to sign)