

DRAFT**RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx****RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROCLAMATION IN
RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2020 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 first launched 30 years ago in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts and has exponentially grown into a coast-to-coast collective recognition of the importance of creativity and culture in America; and

WHEREAS, thousands of government agencies and arts and cultural organizations have joined 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 District first recognized Arts Month with a proclamation in 2016, making 2020 the fifth consecutive year that the Waterfront Arts & Activation department has programmed “Celebration of the Arts Month;” and

WHEREAS, the District started its public art initiatives in the 1980s as a means of activating the District’s parks, piers, and businesses with innovative artworks as a free cultural amenity; and

WHEREAS, over the past three decades, arts and cultural programming has grown into an essential aspect of the District’s creative placemaking strategy in all five member cities around San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the District’s investment in commissioning site-specific public art, showcasing diverse cultural programming, sponsoring special events, and providing waterfront recreational opportunities has made the tidelands a treasured world-class destination for residents and visitors; and

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WHEREAS, each year, October is once again a time where people join together to celebrate the power that the arts have to ignite hope, unify communities, and be recognized as a vital public service that affects lives for the better; and

WHEREAS, the proposed proclamation serves as a continued acknowledgement of the District's long-standing role as a steward of the arts, supporting the enrichment of public spaces for both 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 2020 as "Celebration of the Arts Month" in support of National Arts and Humanities Month.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 6th day of October 2020, by the following vote: