

PROCLAMATION

Honoring the 25th Anniversary of Art Explorers, Inc.

WHEREAS, Art Explorers “is a creative arts program and progressive studio in Fort Bragg, California, serving neurodivergent adults and adults with physical disabilities;” and

WHEREAS, Art Explorers started an art class one Saturday morning in 1992 hosted by Joan Burleigh and Kristin Otwell at the Harrison Street House in Fort Bragg and first public art exhibition in 1994 at the downtown Daly’s building, and in 2000, Art Explorers, Inc. became a nonprofit art program; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Art Explorers is to provide a fun, nurturing, non-judgmental, and artistically stimulating environment for creativity to thrive!; and

WHEREAS, Art Explorers provides studio space that upholds their belief and philosophy to respect all individuals and allow all people an artistic voice that deserves to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg acknowledges the personalized services and inclusive setting that Art Explorers provides including First Friday events since 2007 and Mayor’s Well-Done Award for “Best Creative Community Organization” in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Art Explorers continues to operate as a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization governed by a volunteer-based Board dedicated to creativity, connection, and community of Fort Bragg; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Jason Godeke, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and congratulate Art Explorers on the exceptional occasion of its 25th anniversary, and extend our deep appreciation for their ongoing contributions to the Fort Bragg community.

SIGNED this 26th day of January, 2026

JASON GODEKE, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Paoli, City Clerk

No. 02-2026

