

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING AMY THOMAS  
PRINCIPAL OF WATSONVILLE CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

WHEREAS, Amy Thomas began her journey with Watsonville Charter School of the Arts (WCSA) in 2007 as the coordinator of the after-school program, where she quickly became known for her passion for reading and for inspiring a love of books in her students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas dedicated herself to the growth and success of WCSA students, later serving as a 7th grade teacher while earning her master's degree, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to education and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, since becoming Principal in 2015, Amy Thomas has transformed WCSA with visionary leadership and heartfelt dedication, supported by her two sons, her mother, and her mentor, Susan Forson; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, WCSA has seen the development of a new lunch area, the addition of new classrooms, and the creation of a beautiful stage that has become a centerpiece for student performances and artistic expression; and

WHEREAS, Principal Thomas has greatly enriched the school's arts curriculum, bringing new and diverse opportunities for students to explore and grow their creative talents; and

WHEREAS, Amy Thomas has strengthened family and community connections through a thriving Home and School Club, consistently fostering high levels of parent engagement and representation on the school's advisory board; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to fostering a supportive, vibrant, and inclusive school culture has left a lasting impact on the students, families, and staff of Watsonville Charter School of the Arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Santa Cruz County Fourth District Supervisor, do hereby honor and commend Amy Thomas for her years of exceptional leadership, vision, and service to the community, and extend our deepest gratitude for her outstanding contributions to education and artistic development of the youth of Watsonville.



  
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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

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May 30, 2025  
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