

PROCLAMATION

***Recognizing the University of Michigan Museum of Art Volunteer Docent Program
June 2nd, 2025***

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor community has been enhanced because of the cultural service the University of Michigan Museum of Art Docent Program has provided; and

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan Museum of Art is always free and open to all and provides quality educational programs such as guided tours, curated conversations, and family activities. UMMA Docents have helped us better understand our world by exploring global collections of art and encouraging in-depth discussion about relevant issues. They have fostered joy by modeling wonder and creating engaging gallery activities, and they have built a more just future by promoting openness and curiosity; and

WHEREAS, the Docents have impacted the educational landscape of Ann Arbor Public Schools. They have encountered approximately 6,000 visitors per year, imparting civic values and ideals to K-12 students, teachers, and administrators. Since its founding in 1975, UMMA Docents have offered accessible programs to hundreds of thousands of Washtenaw County youth and families; and

WHEREAS, the 50 years of dedication and commitment from the Docents has provided foundational relationships on which the educational program is built. This group was founded by a cohort of committed and generous volunteers who saw the need for programs that shaped the experiences of many generations of Ann Arbor community members. From young children to older adults, UMMA Docents have served our diverse community and brought art to life in a personal and profound way; and

WHEREAS, the number of Docents and the hours given to this institution are finite, and the learning that Docents have shared and the relationships that have been fostered are ongoing gifts for UMMA and the Ann Arbor community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim my congratulations and gratitude to the University of Michigan Museum of Art Volunteer Docent Corps for their outstanding service to the community for the past 50 years.



*I hereby set my hand and seal
this 2nd day of June 2025*

Christopher Taylor

*Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor*