



City of Richmond

# Proclamation



## RYSE-ing Leaders Day 2024

**WHEREAS**, for the past 16 years, the RYSE Center has served thousands of young people in Richmond and across West Contra Costa County; and

**WHEREAS**, the RYSE Center promotes justice and disrupts injustice in our communities by advancing youth leadership around issues of education, health, civic participation, arts, cultural expression, and building community; and

**WHEREAS**, the supporters and staff at RYSE have fostered imagination, creativity, and innovation in young people who are valued as creative, powerful, and responsible community leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, through many gatherings and events, the RYSE Center has advocated for building community and safety so all young people feel comfortable and confident being themselves while broadening their horizons; and

**WHEREAS**, the RYSE Center embraces mutual trust and partnership among youth and adults to promote learning from one another and making decisions together; and

**WHEREAS**, the RYSE Center has fun and celebrates the beauty of children, youth, and families in Richmond and West Contra Costa County; and

**WHEREAS**, the lived experiences of young people of color are central to our collective liberation and a core element of the RYSE Center's efforts to lead with love on cultural work and racial equity;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and the Richmond City Council do hereby declare October 18, 2024, as RYSE-ing Leaders Day in the City of Richmond

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**Mayor Eduardo Martinez**  
City of Richmond  
October 15, 2024

