

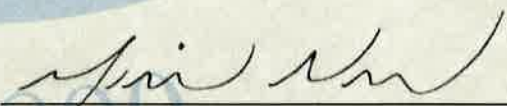
Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH OCTOBER 2020

- WHEREAS, National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation's 4,500 local arts agencies, and the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and the six U.S. jurisdictions have regularly issued official proclamations on an annual basis designating October as National Arts and Humanities Month; and
- WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and
- WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American when they are accessible to all; and
- WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and
- WHEREAS, cities and states have celebrated the value and importance of culture in the lives of Americans and the health of thriving communities during National Arts and Humanities Month for several years; and
- WHEREAS, the arts and culture industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$166.3 billion in total economic activity annually, \$27.5 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.6 million jobs; and
- WHEREAS, downtown Edmonds was designated the State's first Creative District and nationally the creative economy drives tourism and commerce, supports American workers, and makes up 4.5% of the annual GDP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I Michael Nelson, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month in Edmonds and call upon our community members to celebrate, support and promote the arts and culture in our nation and in our community, focusing on equitable access to the arts and encouraging individuals, organizations, and our diverse communities to participate in the arts.


Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ October 20, 2020

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