

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH – OCTOBER 2022

WHEREAS, cities and states - through their local and state arts agencies, which represent thousands of cultural organizations - 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 nearly 30 years, and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind, helping communities explore their history and culture, and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role enhancing and enriching the lives of our families, our communities, and our country, and

WHEREAS, despite significant losses due to the coronavirus pandemic, the creative industries remain among the most vital sectors of the American economy - providing new opportunities, creating jobs and economic activity within their own industry and across sectors, and making communities attractive to business development, and

WHEREAS, the nation's arts and culture sector, which includes nonprofit, commercial, and education, is an \$877 billion industry that supports 4.6 million jobs representing 4.2% of the nation's economy, a larger share of GDP than sectors such as agriculture, transportation, and utilities, and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry generates significant revenue and economic activity annually, making the arts a vital income source for local businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I Michael Nelson, Mayor of Edmonds WA, which prides itself on its long and rich history in the arts, do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month, and call upon our community members to celebrate and promote arts and culture in our nation, and in our community. Buy tickets to a play or concert, attend a writers' conference, make art, or enjoy an exhibit; support our local artists and cultural organizations who make Edmonds the unique creative center, that earned its certification as a State Creative District.



Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ September 27, 2022

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