

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH – OCTOBER 2021

- WHEREAS, the coronavirus has had a devastating impact on America's arts sector, with 99% of producing and presenting organizations having canceled events and artists being among the most severely affected segment of the nation's workforce; yet notwithstanding this fact, the arts have helped collectively lead us throughout the darkest times of the pandemic—lifting our spirits, unifying communities, and jump-starting the economy; and
- WHEREAS, the nation's 120,000 nonprofit arts organizations, the nation's 4,500 local arts agencies, and the arts and humanities councils of the nation 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 arts are made accessible to all; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds supports the Arts through the Edmonds Arts Commission, and partners with local arts and culture organizations, businesses, and educational institutions to recognize the many contributions of the arts and their leadership in supporting inclusion and cultural diversity; and
- WHEREAS, downtown Edmonds was designated the State's first Creative District, contributing to the creative economy which drives tourism and commerce, and supports local workers; and
- WHEREAS, the national nonprofit arts industry alone generates \$166.3 billion in economic activity annually—spending by organizations and their audiences—which supports 4.6 million jobs and generates \$27.5 billion in government revenue; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I Mike Nelson, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month in Edmonds and call upon our community members to celebrate and support the arts and humanities in Edmonds.

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Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ October 19, 2021