

**NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH
OCTOBER 2016**

Whereas, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for over 30 years;

Whereas National Arts and Humanities month is a coast to coast collective recognition of the importance of culture in America with the goals of:

FOCUSING on the arts at local, state, and national levels;
ENCOURAGING individuals and organizations to participate in the arts;
ALLOWING governments and businesses to show their support of the arts; and
RAISING public awareness about the role the arts and humanities play in our communities and lives.

Whereas, the arts and humanities embody the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind;

Whereas, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American;

Whereas, the arts are an essential component of establishing place and quality of life;

Whereas, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country;

Whereas, the arts are an effective and impactful way to involve and include young people in the life of the community;

Whereas, the regional arts community of North Central Indiana, encompassing the 14 counties served by the Tippecanoe Arts Federation invested a total of \$2,543,385.81 in quality of life initiatives and activities


Whereas, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$135 billion in total economic activity annually, 2.2 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.1 million jobs;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we Cindy Murray of the City of Lafayette, Sana Booker of the City of West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County Commissioner Dave Byers, State Representative Sheila Klinker, State Representative Randy Truitt, and State Senator Brandt Hershman do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our communities throughout the state of Indiana and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.



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