



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** the nation's 95,000 nonprofit and 4,500 arts organizations, the arts and humanities councils in 50 states and six U.S. jurisdictions, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities have regularly issued official proclamations 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 while enhancing and enriching American lives by playing a unique role to our families, communities and country; and
- Whereas,** cities and states — through their local and state arts agencies and representing 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 several years; and
- Whereas,** the humanities help diverse communities across the United States explore their history and culture with the support and partnership of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the 55 state and territorial humanities councils, and local educational and cultural institutions; and
- Whereas,** the arts and culture industry annually generates \$166.3 billion in total economic activity, \$26 billion in government revenue, and supports 5 million full-time jobs; and
- Whereas,** the creative economy drives tourism and commerce, supports American workers, and makes up 4.3% of the annual GDP, proposed federal legislation titled The CREATE Act (S. 650 and H.R. 1519) would support economic development of the creative economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

“National Arts and Humanities Month”

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote arts and culture and encourage greater participation for the arts and humanities in Grand Junction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 2nd day of October, 2019.

Mayor

