



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, the nation's 120,000 nonprofit arts organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the 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 while enhancing and enriching American lives by playing a unique role to our families, communities and country; and

Whereas, Grand Junction, Colorado, 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 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, the creative economy drives tourism and commerce, supports American workers, and makes up 4.5% of the annual GDP, proposed federal legislation titled The CREATE Act (S. 650 and H.R. 1519) and The PLACE Act (S. 3232) would support economic development of the creative economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.E. Duke Wortmann, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 2020 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 7th day of October 2020.



Mayor

