

City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, Arts and Humanities are an integral part of the communities throughout this country, including the City of Grand Junction; and

Whereas, The Grand Junction area represents hundreds of arts and cultural organizations which celebrate the value and importance of arts in culture within the community contributing to the quality of life and economic wellbeing of Grand Junction and the region; and

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

Whereas, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of everyone in America, and

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

Whereas, the creative industries remain among the most vital sectors of the American economy - providing new opportunities for developing cities, creating jobs and economic activity within their own industry and across sectors, and making communities attractive to business development, and

Whereas Grand Junction area arts and culture organizations alone generate $13.2 million in government revenue and $28.4 million in economic activity (2022) annually by organizations and audiences-including spending by attendees to arts events of $50.05 per person, per event, beyond the cost of admission on items such as meals, parking, and lodging, making the arts a vital income source for local businesses, and

Whereas, Americans for the Arts has designated October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurel Lutz, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026 as

"Arts and Humanities Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon our community members to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our community.

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 2026.

Laurel Lutz

Mayor