

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic 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 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 traditionally recognize the month of 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 therefore serve to enrich life and inspire all Dubuquers to dream big and share their stories; and

WHEREAS, Dubuque's creative and humanities sector is dedicated to using the power of arts and humanities to make Dubuque a more connected, just, and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, Dubuque's nonprofit arts and culture sector significantly contributes to our local economy generating \$47.2 million in total economic activity annually - spending by organizations and their audiences - supporting the full-time equivalent of 1,530 local jobs, and generating \$5 million in local and state government revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council continues to prioritize investment in Dubuque's non-profit arts, cultural, and humanities organizations and initiatives while championing the ongoing implementation of the Arts and Culture Master Plan to create a vibrant and equitable community of choice.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROY D. BUOL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, STAFF AND CITIZENS OF DUBUQUE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021 AS:

“ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH”

IN THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA AND CALL UPON OUR CITIZENS TO CELEBRATE AND PROMOTE THE ARTS, CULTURE, AND HUMANITIES ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, AND WORKERS IN DUBUQUE.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Dubuque to be affixed this 4th day of October 2021.

Roy D. Buol, Mayor

Attest:

Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk