



# 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 and districts have regularly issued official proclamations on an annual basis designating October as National Arts and Humanities Month; and

WHEREAS, despite significant losses due to the coronavirus pandemic, the creative industries remain among the most vital sectors of the economy, providing innovative opportunities for community development, creating jobs and economic activity within their own and across sectors, and making communities attractive for tourism attraction, business development, and workforce retention; and

WHEREAS, Dubuque's nonprofit arts and culture sector generates \$47.2 million in economic activity annually, supporting 1,530 local jobs, and generating \$5 million in local and state government revenue; and

WHEREAS, our community prioritizes investment in grant support, public art programming, and ongoing implementation of Dubuque's Arts and Culture Master Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in creating connection and telling the stories of and amongst our families, communities, and country; and

WHEREAS, local arts and humanities programs are dedicated to inclusive access, diverse representation, and equitable empowerment of creatives, culture bearers, and humanities scholars towards a more connected, just, and inclusive Dubuque; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, BRAD M. CAVANAGH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, STAFF AND RESIDENTS OF DUBUQUE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022 AS:

## **“ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH”**

IN THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Dubuque to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022.**

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**Brad M. Cavanagh, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk**