

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH – OCTOBER 2023

WHEREAS, cities and states - through their local and state arts agencies, which represent 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 nearly 30 years, and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities help tell our stories, embodying much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind, building bridges of understanding, sharing experiences across diverse communities, and envisioning possibilities for the future, and

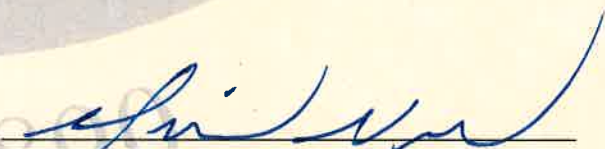
WHEREAS, the creative industries remain among the most vital sectors of the American economy - providing new opportunities, creating jobs and economic activity within their own industry and across sectors, and making communities attractive to business development, and

WHEREAS, the nation's arts and culture sector, which includes nonprofit, commercial, and education, is just over a \$1.0 trillion dollar industry that supports 4.9 million jobs representing 4.4% of the nation's economy, a larger share of GDP than sectors such as agriculture, transportation, and utilities, and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry generates significant revenue and economic activity annually, making the arts a vital income source for local businesses, and

WHEREAS, the Arts & Culture sector has significant positive impact on Edmonds, generating \$50 million (2017) of economic activity in Edmonds, supporting over 50 arts and culture related nonprofit organizations and programs and over 50 arts related businesses, and celebrating the broader creative sector highlighted by the Downtown Edmonds Creative District certified as the State's first Creative District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I Michael Nelson, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month in Edmonds WA, a city that prides itself on its long and rich history in the arts, and call upon our community members to celebrate and promote arts and culture throughout the year in our nation, and in our community of Edmonds, supporting our local artists, cultural organizations and State certified Creative District.


Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ October 24, 2023