

Proclamation Recognizing October as Arts Month in El Paso County

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades; and

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

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American, playing a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the focus of Arts Month is to encourage citizens to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives, and to initiate lifelong habits of regular participation in the arts and humanities; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a significant role in youth development and enhance critical thinking skills crucial to many technical and scientific learning tracks; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens the national economy by generating \$166.3 billion annually in total economic activity and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.6 million jobs; and

WHEREAS, the local impact of the nonprofit arts industry is significant, generating \$153.3 million in economic activity and supporting the full-time equivalent of 5,070 jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, hereby recognizes October as Arts Month in the Pikes Peak Region and calls upon citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in El Paso County and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their community.

DONE THIS 28th day of September 2021 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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