

**OCTOBER 2021 IS ARTS MONTH
in the Pikes Peak Region**

Whereas, the month of October is 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:

Whereas, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind and have inspired the development of our schools from its earliest days;

Whereas, the arts and humanities enhance the daily lives of every American, including those of us living at the base of Pikes Peak;

Whereas, these pursuits connect, entertain, and enrich the lives of our students, families, and communities through vital moments of creative expression,

Whereas, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our national and local economies by generating \$166.3 billion in total economic activity annually (\$153.3 million of annual economic impact in the Pikes Peak region), and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.6 million jobs across the nation (5,070 jobs locally);
Whereas, Manitou Springs has a thriving, vibrant arts and culture scene and is nationally recognized as one of the top towns for art and artists;

Whereas, the aforementioned arts and culture scene makes Manitou Springs a well-established and desirable destination for our students, staff, and families;

Whereas, MSSD14 takes pride in its arts education programs and celebrates its creative staff and students while working to make art inclusive and accessible to all;

Whereas, the people of Manitou Springs voted to support its nonprofits and artists financially through a sales tax because they recognize that art is not free;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MSSD14 Board of Education do hereby proclaim October as Arts Month in Colorado's Pikes Peak Region and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in Manitou Springs and to specifically encourage the greater participation of our schools in taking action for the arts and humanities in our community.



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