



City of Manitou Springs
Proclamation No. 0921

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October 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; and

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

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

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); and

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; and

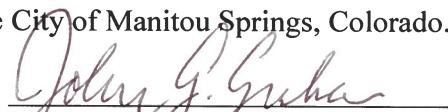
WHEREAS, the aforementioned arts and culture scene makes Manitou Springs a well-established and desirable destination for art lovers; and

WHEREAS, Manitou Springs, through its artists, galleries and arts events, upholds a town culture that strives to make art inclusive, accessible and affordable to all; and

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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitou Springs City Council 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 by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their community.

Dated this 21st day of September 2021 in the City of Manitou Springs, Colorado.



Mayor John G. Graham

Attest:



City Clerk Judy Morgan, CMC