



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities help diverse communities across the United States explore their history and culture with the support and partnership of 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 in communities across the country, and the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and the six U.S. jurisdictions and districts; and

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 affect every aspect of life in America today, including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity; and play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the nation's arts and culture sector-nonprofit, commercial, education is an \$877 billion industry that supports 4.6 million jobs representing 4.2% of the nation's economy, a larger share of GDP than powerhouse sectors such as agriculture, transportation, and utilities (2020); and boasts a \$33 billion international trade surplus (2019).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as

National Arts and Humanities Month

and I call upon our residents to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our community, and to specifically encourage greater participation by said community members in taking action for the arts and humanities in Ocala, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of October 2022.



Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala