



PROCLAMATION

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; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$166.2 billion in total economic activity annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 5.7 million jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October as

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in Fort Collins and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture, and to specifically encourage greater participation by our citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in Fort Collins.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of October, A.D. 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk