

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITES MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for 32 years; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the nonprofit arts industry strengthens Santa Barbara County's economy by generating \$200 million dollars in annual revenue, including \$19.1 million dollars in local tax revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 5,857 jobs for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors formed the County Arts Commission in 1977 to support, foster, and encourage participation in, and access to arts and culture for all County residents and in 2017 the Arts Commission celebrates 40 years; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims October as National Arts & Humanities Month, and commends local artists and cultural practitioners as well as arts organizations and institutions for the vital role they play in building community, maintaining and preserving cultural traditions, and enhancing the economy and quality of life for all residents.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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