



PROCLAMATION
National Arts & Humanities Month
October 2020

WHEREAS, 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, and the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and the six U.S. jurisdictions celebrate this month.

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

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American;

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

WHEREAS, cities and states, through their local and state arts agencies and representing thousands of cultural organizations, and celebrate the value and importance of culture in the lives of Americans and the health of thriving communities during National Arts and Humanities Month for several years;

WHEREAS, the humanities help diverse communities across the United States explore their history and culture with the support and partnership of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

WHEREAS, the Arts and Culture industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$166.3 billion in total economic activity annually, \$27.5 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.6 million jobs;

WHEREAS, the creative economy drives tourism and commerce, supports American workers, and makes up 4.5% of the annual GDP, proposed federal legislation titled The CREATE Act (S. 650 and H.R. 1519) and The PLACE Act (S. 3232) would support economic development of the creative economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, on behalf of the City Council do hereby call upon our community members to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our city and nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said community members in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities throughout the country, and proclaim October as,

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In the City of Fredericksburg

Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor
Fredericksburg, Virginia