



WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world -- the enduring record of human achievement; and,

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Illinois -- improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and,

WHEREAS, arts and cultural production account for \$29.7 billion of the Illinois economy and support more than 216,700 jobs; and,

WHEREAS, arts education research shows that the arts help to foster discipline, creativity, imagination, self-expression, and problem-solving skills while also helping to develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and,

WHEREAS, we use the humanities - the interpretation and discussion of all forms of thought, interest and expression - to examine what it means to be human; and,

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 nearly three decades;

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this NINETEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FOURTH.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR