## PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2021 as NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

- WHEREAS, the coronavirus has had a devastating impact on America's arts sector, with 99% of producing and presenting organizations having canceled events; yet the arts have helped collectively lead us throughout the darkest times of the pandemic—lifting our spirits, unifying communities, and jump-starting the economy; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that arts and cultural activities benefit the residents and visitors of Folsom, and they are a significant contributor to Folsom's quality of life; and
- 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 have regularly issued official proclamations on an annual basis designating October as National Arts and Humanities Month; and
- WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of many residents; and
- WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and
- WHEREAS, the Arts and Culture Commission works with the community to increase public awareness of, understanding of, and participation in the humanities and the arts; and
- **WHEREAS,** Folsom has a diverse and vibrant arts scene with local organizations providing opportunities for the public to celebrate and participate in performances, exhibits and events throughout the year to embrace arts and humanities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL KOZLOWSKI**, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as *Arts and Humanities Month* in the City of Folsom and invite our residents to recognize the contributions of the arts to the community and attend these special cultural activities.

PROCLAIMED this 28th day of September 2021.

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

Attest: Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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