



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as Arts and Humanities Month, a time to celebrate the vital role that arts, culture and humanities play in enriching our lives, strengthening and connecting our communities; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins is home to a vibrant and diverse creative community of artists, cultural organizations, performers, makers, educators, and creative businesses; and

WHEREAS, this community shares voices, experiences, and perspectives, supporting our community's distinct identity and creating spaces where people can gather, learn, celebrate, and build a greater sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, the local creative economy not only supports jobs, attracts visitors, and strengthens local businesses, it also drives a conservative total of 5.5 million dollars in the local, state and federal tax revenue every year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins recognizes that arts and humanities are essential to a thriving community and encourages residents to celebrate, participate in, and support the creative and cultural opportunities that make Fort Collins a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 2026, as

ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of October, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk