



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Arts & Humanities Month encourages art appreciation and cultural exploration as the largest celebration of arts and culture in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Creative Industries believe in creativity to inspire connections, create change, and support fiscal vibrancy, and focuses on strengthening vitality of art. Arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of families, communities, and the country; and

WHEREAS, cities and states have celebrated the value of culture in the health and lives of thriving communities during National Arts and Humanities Month for years; and

WHEREAS, the humanities help communities explore history and culture with support from National Endowment for the Humanities, 55 humanities councils, and local institutions; and

WHEREAS, the arts and cultural industry contributed 4.2% of GDP or approximately \$1.17 trillion in 2023. This includes a range of industries, from performing arts, museums, design services and publishing. Arts and cultural employment recovered to pre-pandemic levels, with nearly 5.2 million employed to produce arts and cultural goods and services, for \$540.9 billion in total compensation. Strong arts presence is associated with social and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Matt Robenalt, DDA Director stated, “Storytelling through art is a powerful form of interpersonal communication, particularly when communicating an authentic experience of a city. The Living Her Legacy’s historic public outdoor art/education project, which will be highly visible to local visitors of Old Town, imparts the spontaneity of publicly displayed art and place-making with the importance of reflecting on the stories of people that have made Fort Collins an intriguing place to visit, live, work and play.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 2025, as

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

and call upon our community to celebrate and participate in the arts and culture in our nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of October, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk