

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

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 more than two decades; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry strengthens our national economy by annually generating \$135.2 billion in total economic activity supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.1 million jobs and delivering \$22.3 billion to local, state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry also represents a pillar in the foundation of the City of Gainesville's and Alachua County's economic infrastructure, generating \$85.5 million in direct and indirect spending, supporting 2,344 full-time equivalent jobs and delivering \$7.3 million in local and state government revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

National Arts and Humanities Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating and promoting the arts and culture in our nation, and to specifically encourage greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 21st day of August, C.E., 2012.



Craig Lowe
Craig Lowe
Mayor