

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

**AGENDA TITLE:** Proclamation of Arts and Humanities Month  
**DEPARTMENT:** CMO/CCK  
**PRESENTED BY:** Scott Passey, City Clerk

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

October has been recognized across the country as National Arts and Humanities Month. Last year the United States Conference of Mayors passed a policy resolution urging cities to proclaim Arts and Humanities Month in their own communities. Such proclamations acknowledge that the arts and humanities are an invaluable part of the life of our citizens. Additionally, the nonprofit arts industry generates \$134 billion annually and provides jobs for the equivalent of 4.85 million people. Locally, institutions such as the Shoreline Historical Museum and the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council work diligently to bring the benefits of the arts and culture to our community.

In addition to acknowledging the efforts of all the arts and cultural organizations to promote cultural and intellectual life, the proclamation also encourages greater participation by our citizens in the programs and projects brought forward on behalf of the arts and humanities.

Representatives of the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council will attend the meeting to accept the proclamation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_



# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of communities, states, the White House and Congress; 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; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities contribute to all aspects of social life and help create a productive citizenry and vibrant community and the independent self expression vital to our nation's future; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$134 billion annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.85 million jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Historical Museum, Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council, the Shoreline School District, Shoreline Community College, and other partners are engaged in the worthwhile endeavor of bringing the arts and humanities to our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline recognizes the immense value of the arts and humanities to our community and extends appreciation to all those who work so diligently to bring the arts and humanities into our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim October, 2005 as

## **ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

and urge our citizens to discover and participate in the wide variety of arts and humanities programs made available to them.

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Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor