



## PROCLAMATION

### Recognizing October as National Arts and Humanities Month

**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 31 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind and inspire and enrich the lives of every American; and

**WHEREAS**, this month-long focus provides an opportunity to demonstrate the role and value of arts and culture in communities, and to encourage residents to explore, participate and engage in the tremendous diversity of local arts and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the City grants over \$475,000 annually in city funds to benefit nonprofit art and culture organizations and artists in our City through its 32-year partnership with the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City also grants \$258,300 annually for iconic citywide cultural events, such as Summer Solstice Celebration, Old Spanish Days, Spirit of '76, and the Santa Barbara International Film Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, the City acknowledges the vital and vibrant role of artists, performers and creators in enriching our quality of life while fueling innovation and our local economy,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim October as **NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH** in Santa Barbara, and encourage citizens to celebrate, participate, and promote the arts and culture in our community for the betterment of future generations.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

**HELENE SCHNEIDER, MAYOR**

