## Mecklenburg County North Carolina 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 for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, the Arts & Science Council was established on October 8, 1958, to ensure access to an excellent, relevant and sustainable arts and cultural community for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region; and

WHEREAS, arts and culture enhance and enrich our families and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Arts & Science Council meets all residents where they are and connects them with arts, science, and history in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region; and

**WHEREAS**, the focus on arts and culture means a focus on business. The local nonprofit arts industry strengthens our economy by generating \$243 million annually in total economic activity, \$21.6 million in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 7,600 jobs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arts & Science Council and proclaims October 2018 as

## NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in Mecklenburg County and encourage all citizens to join in this special observance.

This the 16th day of October 2018

Ella B. Scarborough, Chair

Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners