

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of October has annually been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and culture organizations – including the Arts & Science Council, the local arts agency of Mecklenburg County – and by communities, counties, and states across the country for nearly 30 years;

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities help community members explore their diverse history and culture with the support and creativity of large, midsize, and small cultural organizations, creative individuals, educational institutions, and local businesses;

WHEREAS, despite significant losses to the coronavirus pandemic, the creative industries remain among the most vital sectors of the American economy - providing new opportunities for development, and creating jobs and economic activity across sectors;

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg nonprofit arts industry strengthens our local economy by generating \$243 million in total economic activity annually, \$21.6 million in state and local government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 7,600 jobs;

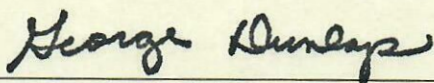
WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody so much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind, and play a unique role in the lives of our families and our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in Mecklenburg County and call upon our community members to celebrate arts and culture and to join in this special observance.

This 17th day of October 2023



George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

