



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, National Arts & Humanities Month encourages art appreciation and cultural exploration as the largest celebration of arts and culture in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado Creative Industries believe in creativity to inspire connections, create change, and support fiscal vibrancy, and focuses on strengthening vitality of art. Arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of families, communities, and the country; and

**WHEREAS**, cities and states have celebrated the value of culture in the health and lives of thriving communities during National Arts and Humanities Month for years; and

**WHEREAS**, the humanities help communities explore history and culture with support from National Endowment for the Humanities, 55 humanities councils, and local institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts and cultural industry contributed 4.2% of GDP or approximately \$1.17 trillion in 2023. This includes a range of industries, from performing arts, museums, design services and publishing. Arts and cultural employment recovered to pre-pandemic levels, with nearly 5.2 million employed to produce arts and cultural goods and services, for \$540.9 billion in total compensation. Strong arts presence is associated with social and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt Robenalt, DDA Director stated, "Storytelling through art is a powerful form of interpersonal communication, particularly when communicating an authentic experience of a city. The Living Her Legacy's historic public outdoor art/education project, which will be highly visible to local visitors of Old Town, imparts the spontaneity of publicly displayed art and place-making with the importance of reflecting on the stories of people that have made Fort Collins an intriguing place to visit, live, work and play."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 2025, as

### NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

and call upon our community to celebrate and participate in the arts and culture in our nation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of October, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

