

# ~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody who we are as a people and have long helped drive the success of our nation, from Gilbert Stuart's portrait of President George Washington, to Frank Lloyd Wright's organic architectural masterpiece *Falling Water*, to Misty Copeland's movements as principle female dancer with the American Ballet Theatre; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are intrinsically valuable to life in Clark County because they contribute to our economy, improve our community's access to beauty and inspire us to chase dreams; and

WHEREAS, arts education research shows the arts foster creativity, imagination, discipline, self-expression and problem solving skills while helping develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and challenge us to see through a different lens; and

WHEREAS, the humanities – history, literature and philosophy – allow us to explore what it means to be human and connect with one another; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities and states for three decades.

Now therefore, this Board of County Councilors does hereby proclaim October 2016 as

## ~ *National Arts and Humanities Month* ~

in Clark County, Washington, and calls upon residents of our community to celebrate and promote the arts and humanities by simply going to a movie, reading a book or learning to dance.

Signed 18th day of October 2016

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