

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT PROCLAMATION ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in our community, our state and across the country – improving our economy, enriching our civic life and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the arts help to foster discipline, creativity, imagination, self-expression, and problem solving skills while also helping to develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, we use the humanities – history, literature, philosophy – to explore what it means to be human; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bartlett has a proud record of preserving our local heritage through the Village of Bartlett Museums and of supporting and promoting our local arts and humanities organizations and working with them to improve the quality of life for our residents; and

WHEREAS, since its start in the homes of volunteers 10 years ago Arts in Bartlett has been the cultural arts anchor in Bartlett, mounting our first ever juried art fair which has grown into our annual Festival of the Arts; providing us with monthly exhibits in the Art Gallery at Village Hall; partnering with the Village to help establish Miaoli City as our Sister City in Taiwan and representing Bartlett during the International Chorus concert tour in that country in 2010; supplementing art education in Bartlett elementary schools; spearheading a new adult theater program; helping us bring public art to our downtown; and opening the new Bartlett Center for the Arts which allows for expanded services to the community in the form of larger gallery space, artist and musician studios, lesson space and a spot for networking events; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is recognized as Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts agencies and communities in Illinois and throughout the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael A. Airdo, President of the Village of Bartlett, Cook, DuPage, and Kane Counties, Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2012 to be Arts & Humanities month in the Village of Bartlett. I call upon all citizens to celebrate the artistic and cultural offerings that are available in our community, to congratulate Arts in Bartlett on its 10-year anniversary and to continue to work together to “build community through the arts.”

Dated this 16th day of October 2012




Michael A. Airdo, Village President