



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR**

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world and very much represent the enduring record of human achievement and expression; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Chicago and its surrounding areas by improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, arts education 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 such as history, literature, and philosophy to explore what it means to be human; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our state, and have an indelible impact upon our culture, our work and our nation; 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 across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim October, 2013 to be ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH IN CHICAGO and urge all Chicagoans to realize and recognize the significant role that the arts and humanities play in our everyday lives.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

Mayor