

# ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS:** the arts and humanities are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world -- the enduring record of human achievement; and

**WHEREAS:** the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Macomb -- 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 -- history, literature, philosophy -- to explore what it means to be human; and

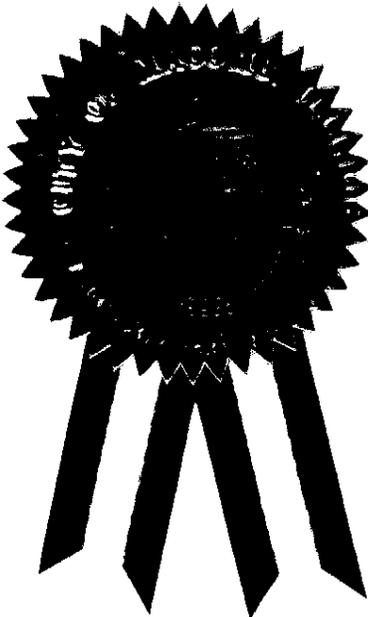
**WHEREAS:** the arts and humanities play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our state; and

**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 for more than two decades.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Michael J. Inman, Mayor of Macomb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as:

## ***Arts & Humanities Month***

and call upon all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our community.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Macomb, Illinois to be affixed this month of October in the year of our Lord 2013.

  
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Mayor