

# Proclamation

## Town of Normal, Illinois

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 Normal, Illinois -- 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, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades:

AND IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION of the United States Conference of Mayors which urges mayors to build partnerships with their local arts agencies and other members of the arts and humanities community in their cities to proclaim, to participate in, and to celebrate the month of October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

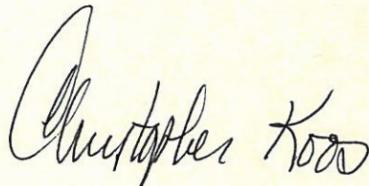
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER KOOS, Mayor of the Town of Normal, Illinois, do hereby proclaim:

October 2012

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NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the Town of Normal, Illinois to be affixed hereto this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012.



Christopher Koos, Mayor  
Incorporated Town of Normal  
County of McLean, State of Illinois