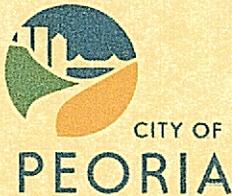


Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Peoria, IL 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 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Ardis, Mayor of the City of Peoria, Illinois, do hereby, declare October, 2013 as

ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in Peoria, Illinois, and call upon all Peorians to celebrate and promote the significant role that the arts and humanities play in our everyday lives.

Dated this 22nd day of October 2013 A.D.


MAYOR