



Proclamation

Illinois Arts & Humanities Month

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

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in the City of Park Ridge 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David F. Schmidt, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Park Ridge, County of Cook, State of Illinois do hereby proclaim October 2012 as ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH in the City of Park Ridge and call upon all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in the Land of Lincoln.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Park Ridge to be affixed this 1st day of October, A.D., 2012.

David F. Schmidt, Mayor

Betty W. Henneman, City Clerk