ILLINOIS ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH

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 the Village of Mokena 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, Mayor Joseph W. Werner, on behalf of Clerk Patricia Patt, the Mokena Village Board, Staff and all Citizens, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH in the Village of Mokena and call upon all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in the Land of Lincoln..

Proclaimed this 24th Day of September, 2012

ATTEST:

Patricia Patt
Village Clerk

Joseph W. Werner
Village President