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**Governor Dalrymple Proclaims October Arts & Humanities Month
in North Dakota**

Governor Jack Dalrymple has declared October 2014 as Arts and Humanities Month for the state of North Dakota. This came by way of an official proclamation from his office, which recognized that "the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of all citizens; and affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity, and community livability. North Dakotans are encouraged to participate in arts and humanities activities and celebrate the cultural and historical riches of our state."

North Dakota is home to two major statewide arts and humanities organizations: the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) and the North Dakota Humanities Council (NDHC). Both organizations have missions to provide educational and cultural opportunities to all citizens in our state. Jointly the councils have supported over 2,000 educational and cultural programs across the state since 2011.

"We are grateful that the Governor's proclamation pays tribute to the important role the arts and humanities play in North Dakota," offers NDCA executive director Beth Klingenstein. "The NDCA works hand-in-hand with state government in meeting common goals; we have programs that assist with the health and wellness of our citizens, such as the Art for Life program currently offered in numerous elder care facilities. Our contributions to education cover programs for all ages that foster the creative and critical thinking that is so important in the future work lives of our current students. The NDCA supports events in renovated theatres, parks, and other public spaces that revitalize both rural and urban areas and thus contribute to the economic development and quality of life within a community. Finally, we assist with the preservation of our North Dakota culture and heritage. Our current exhibit at the Heritage Center, 'Under the Dakota Sky: An Exhibition celebrating 125 Years of Statehood,' is an excellent example of this last goal, preserving the rich artistic heritage within the state of North Dakota."

To commemorate Arts and Humanities Month the NDHC has launched a special new initiative called the Game Changer Series, which will happen annually in October. The Game Changer Series is an annual ideas summit that focuses on a major event or issue that is

significantly changing the face of our world and invites people close to the action to share their stories. According to NDHC executive director Brenna Gerhardt, “Our goal is to equip both emerging leaders and everyday citizens with a better understanding of the challenges facing us in the 21st century. Leadership isn't just about learning a special skill set, but about acquiring a broad range of relevant knowledge and real-time critical thinking. This series will significantly address that need.”

A copy of Governor Dalrymple’s proclamation is available online at <http://www.nd.gov/arts/pressreleases/releases/OctArtHumMthProc14.pdf>.

North Dakota’s Arts and Humanities Month corresponds with a national celebration. The National Arts and Humanities Month is sponsored by a coalition of national organizations representing the arts and humanities. It provides all cultural organizations and agencies the opportunity to highlight the work they do for their communities. The celebration grew out of National Arts Week, which was started in 1985 by the National Endowment for the Arts and Americans for the Arts. For more information on the National Arts and Humanities Month, visit http://www.americansforthearts.org/get_involved/advocacy/nahm/default.asp.

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The North Dakota Council on the Arts is the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout North Dakota, and is funded by the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.



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Jack Dalrymple
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PROCLAMATION
ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH
OCTOBER 2014

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of all citizens; and

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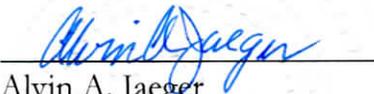
WHEREAS, the nation's more than 23,000 cultural organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the nation's 3,800 local arts agencies, and the arts and humanities councils of the 56 states and U.S. jurisdictions are working together to promote the importance of arts and humanities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to participate in arts and humanities activities and celebrate the cultural and historical riches of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2014, **ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.


Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

