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

Governor Jack Dalrymple has declared October 2016 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.

"With over 100,000 cultural organizations in the United States, we are happy to take this opportunity to honor the immense impact the arts and humanities have on our state and on our country," offers NDCA executive director Beth Klingenstein. "The NDCA's goals match some very important state goals: we are devoted to improving education within our state, and we work to better the health and wellness of citizens of all ages. NDCA contributes to economic development and to quality of life within our communities by supporting events in renovated theatres, parks, and other public spaces that revitalize both rural and urban areas. Finally, we assist with the important preservation of our varied and colorful North Dakota culture and heritage. We do all this by partnering with other government agencies, businesses, individual citizens, and private organizations. One of our most treasured partners is the North Dakota Humanities Council."

The North Dakota Humanities Council's mission is to create a more thoughtful, informed, and just world through lifelong learning. Their programs seek to strengthen American democracy through education. According to NDHC executive director Brenna Gerhardt, "Our goal is to build an infrastructure of ideas that will lead North Dakota, and our nation, into the future. We need to invest as much in the humanities as the sciences if we are going to solve the critical issues facing humanity today."

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](http://www.americansforthearts.org/get_involved/advocacy/nahm/default.asp).



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*Brenna Gerhardt, Governor Jack Dalrymple and Beth Klingenstein*

A copy of the proclamation follows.

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PROCLAMATION  
**ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**  
OCTOBER 2016

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

**WHEREAS**, the arts and humanities affect every aspect of life in America today, including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity and community livability; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation's more than 100,000 cultural organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the nation's 4,400 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 2016, **ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
Jack Dalrymple  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State