



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country for more than two decades;

Whereas, the arts and humanities draw upon the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind;

Whereas, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every Utahn;

Whereas, the arts and humanities build connections and understanding within our communities;

Whereas, the arts, museums, and humanities are instrumental in lifting morale during a global pandemic;

Whereas, Utah's arts and humanities industries employ 155,500 workers, earning wages and benefits of \$4.5 billion, with \$16.1 billion in aggregate sales, which, in turn, translates to \$337 million in state sales tax;

Whereas, Utah is No. 1 in the nation for art creation; and No. 3 in live event attendance;

Whereas, 230 Utahns will attend 52 events to celebrate the arts and humanities community's Free Night of Culture program in October;

Whereas, the arts and humanities play a vital role in the lives of our families and our communities in the Beehive State;

Now, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare October 2021, as

Arts and Humanities Month in Utah

Spencer J. Cox
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