~PROCLAMATION~

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

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Clark County – improving our economy, enriching our civic life and exerting a positive influence on the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, arts education research shows the arts help foster discipline, creativity, imagination, self-expression and problem solving skills while helping develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, we use the humanities – history, literature and 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, communities and 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 for more than two decades.

Now therefore, this Board of County Councilors does hereby proclaim October 2015 as

~ National Arts and Humanities Month ~

in Clark County, Washington, and calls upon all residents of our community to celebrate and promote the arts and humanities.

Signed this 20th day of October 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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