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**Connected Community**  
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## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, October is National Arts and Humanities Month; and
- WHEREAS, promoting and prioritizing the arts and humanities is central to remembering our history and inspiring creativity for today and tomorrow; and
- WHEREAS, arts and humanities are a bridge across our diverse populations that help create dialogue, understanding and draw out commonalities between people and cultures; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Redmond's Arts and Culture Commission and Cultural Arts program strive to make arts accessible to everyone in our community by providing unique art and cultural experiences that continue to build a high quality of life in Redmond through the Redmond Poet Laureate, cultural and artistic performances at signature events, and both temporary and permanent public art; and
- WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation art camps and classes encourage accessible and inclusive learning environments at all levels and ages throughout the city to actively fill gaps in public art education; and
- WHEREAS, Redmond invests in artists by creating a career pipeline for local artists through training in the Public Art Intensive Eastside workshops, ongoing support through the drop-in Office Hours program, and low-barrier opportunities such as asphalt art and temporary public art calls in order to help artists build to larger-scale public art commissions and projects; and
- WHEREAS, Redmond is developing a dynamic city where art is intrinsic to its vibrancy and character, where public and private sectors work together to create art, cultural spaces, and visual public artworks; and
- WHEREAS, Redmond invests in arts organizations through grants, training, and partnerships with the larger business community, as showcased through this year's inaugural Downtown Redmond Art Walk in an effort to strengthen Redmond's cultural, creative, and economic vibrancy. We are proud to see cultural arts organizations grow in Redmond and for all businesses to flourish through the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **ANGELA BIRNEY**, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

and encourage residents to participate in City, non-profit organizations, and private venue cultural arts programs found on [ExperienceRedmond.com](https://www.experienceredmond.com).

  
Angela Birney, Mayor

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Date

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