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PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$166.2 billion in total economic activity annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 5.7 million jobs; and on Bainbridge Island has been an \$8.66 million dollar industry, supporting 195 full-time jobs and generating \$734,000 in local and government revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Snow, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, do hereby proclaim October as

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in Bainbridge Island, Washington and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation, to recognize the many outstanding contributions by cultural organizations and citizens in our community, and to encourage participation in and support of the arts and humanities in our community.

SIGNED this 5th day of October, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Snow", written over a horizontal line.

Christopher Snow, Mayor