

2015 Bravo for the Arts Proclamation

Given by Mayor Tony Roswarski of the City of Lafayette, Mayor John Dennis of the City of West Lafayette, State Representative Sheila Klinker, State Representative Randy Truitt, State Senator Ron Alting and State Senator Brandt Hershman on Wednesday, October 15, 2015

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 30 years;

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

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

Whereas, the arts are an essential component of establishing place and quality of life;

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

Whereas, the arts are an effective and impactful way to involve and include young people in the life of the community;

Whereas, the regional arts community of North Central Indiana had a total investment of \$394,228 and returned \$3,068,951 back to our local communities;

Whereas, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$135 billion in total economic activity annually, 2.2 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.1 million jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we Mayor Tony Roswarski of the City of Lafayette, Mayor John Dennis of the City of West Lafayette, State Representative Sheila Klinker, State Representative Randy Truitt, State Senator Ron Alting and State Senator Brandt Hershman do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our communities throughout the state of Indiana and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.