

**PROCLAMATION
ARTS DUPAGE**

WHEREAS, Arts DuPage has regularly issued official proclamations to all the cities, towns, and villages in DuPage County on an annual basis designating October as Arts DuPage Month; and

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

WHEREAS, the arts enrich us as individuals and play a unique role in the lives of our families and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the arts promote a better understanding of the diversified cultures within our communities and unify us regardless of age, race, and ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, the arts sector in DuPage County consists of 2,272 arts-related businesses and accounts for 4.2 percent of the total number of businesses in the region, a larger share of the economy than transportation, tourism, agriculture, and construction; and

WHEREAS, the arts provide full-time employment for over 15,000 workers in DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the arts improve our economy, enrich our civic life, drive tourism and commerce, and exert a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, the arts helped lead us through the darkest times by lifting our spirits, unifying communities and providing entertainment. The arts also play a vital role in enlivening our communities, driving the economy, and elevating the appeal of our County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith T. Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as **ARTS DUPAGE MONTH** in the Village of Lombard and call upon our community members to celebrate and promote the arts in DuPage County.



Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President