



STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Illinois -- improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and,

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts and cultural sector also strengthens our economy by generating \$2.75 billion in annual spending and supporting more than 78,000 full-time-equivalent jobs; and,

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

WHEREAS, we use the humanities - the interpretation and discussion of all forms of thought, interest and expression - to examine 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, our communities, and our 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 across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as ILLINOIS ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH and call upon all citizens to explore, celebrate and participate in arts and culture in the Land of Lincoln.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the

Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capital in the City of Springfield,

this TWENTY-NINTH *day of* SEPTEMBER *, in*

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

FIFTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*

one hundred and NINETY-SEVENTH *.*



Deeae Weiss
SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR