

**AGENDA  
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**PROCLAMATION**  
**NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**  
**OCTOBER 2016**

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

Whereas, the Calexico Arts Commission works tirelessly to offer free and low cost arts programs and classes to the citizens of Calexico;

Whereas, the Calexico Arts Commission has been promoting “The Mural Project” to encourage artistic expression, and beautify our community;

Whereas, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$135 billion in total economic activity annually, \$22.3 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.1 million jobs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Luis Castro, Mayor of the City of Calexico, do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month in the City of Calexico and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.

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Luis J. Castro, Mayor