



Village of Bloomingdale

PROCLAMATION



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, 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 account 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 coronavirus had a devastating impact on DuPage County's creative sector, forcing 99% of arts organizations to shut down, thus placing artists among the most severely affected segment of the nation's workforce. Even in challenging times, the arts helped collectively lead us through the darkest times of the pandemic—lifting our spirits, unifying communities, and providing entertainment. Now, with the move to Phase 5 of Illinois' COVID-19 Mitigation Plan, the arts will play a vital role in rebuilding our communities, jumpstarting the economy, and leading us back to normalcy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Franco A. Coladipietro, Mayor of the Village of Bloomingdale do hereby proclaim October 2021 as Arts DuPage Month in Bloomingdale, IL and call upon our community members to celebrate and promote the arts in DuPage County.

In witness thereof I have herewith set my hand and caused the seal of this village to be affixed.



Mayor *Franco A. Coladipietro*
Date *July 13, 2021*