## RESOLUTION NO. 143 - 23

## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2023 AS ARTS MONTH IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION

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 U.S., as well as by the White House and Congress for nearly 30 years; and for 10 years here in the Pikes Peak region,

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American, including those of us living in and visiting the Pikes Peak region; and

WHEREAS, the arts positively support mental wellbeing, community cohesion, education, healing, economic vitality, tourism, and our quality of life

WHEREAS, the arts and culture for-profit and non-profit sectors represent an over \$1 trillion American industry, 4.4% of our national GDP (\$16.9 billion in Colorado) that supports 4.85 million American jobs (102,383 jobs in Colorado.)

WHEREAS, cultural heritage, creativity, and innovation are an intrinsic part of the history of Colorado Springs and of our shared future,

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. That City Council hereby recognizes October 2023 as the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Month in the Pikes Peak Region and call upon our citizens to celebrate and value arts and culture in the City of Colorado Springs and to specifically encourage greater participation by those said citizens in the local arts and humanities in their community.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 10th day of October, 2023.

Randy Helms Council Presiden

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk