

Proclamation

Supporting October 2016 as Celebration of the Arts Month

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 the White House and Congress for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American and play a unique role in our lives, our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody and reflect the wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and

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

WHEREAS, arts and cultural programming are an essential part of the creative economy, which attracts visitors, promotes diversity, and enhances the quality of life for the region; and

WHEREAS, arts and cultural programming strengthens our San Diego economy as indicated by data reporting that the total spending by the nonprofit arts and culture industry in San Diego County exceeds \$665 million annually.

NOW, therefore, the Board of Port Commissioners and the staff of the San Diego Unified Port District do hereby support Celebration of the Arts Month, October 2016 and call upon employees and participants to acquaint themselves with and join in the celebration of arts and culture month.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2016

(All Commissioners to sign)