A proclamation celebrating October as Arts DuPage Month in the Village of Westmont

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

WHEREAS, the arts, culture and humanities enhance every aspect of life in the Village of Westmont -- improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; 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 -- history, literature, philosophy -- to explore what it means to be human; and

WHEREAS, the arts, culture, and humanities play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families in our county; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Westmont has embraced local artists by creating a community arts initiative which includes new events to showcase and promote artists and their work; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as Arts DuPage Month by Arts DuPage and the arts and cultural organizations in all the communities within DuPage County:

THEREFORE, I, Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor of the Village of Westmont, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as WESTMONT ARTS DUPAGE MONTH and call upon all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in DuPage County.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, this 26th day of September, 2019.

Ayes: _____  Nays: ____  Absent: ____

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Ronald J. Gunter  
Mayor  

Virginia Szymski  
Village Clerk  