

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The arts and culture sector represents 4.5% of the United States' GDP, 5.1 million jobs; contributing \$878 billion to the country's economy, and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's arts and culture sector represents 2.4% of the state's GDP, generating \$1.5 billion in compensation in 2017, employing more than 18,405 in 3,242 arts-related businesses, and

WHEREAS, Creative activity is linked to positive psychological functioning, including alleviating symptoms of anxiety, depression, loneliness and dementia, while increased engagement with arts events is associated with improved life satisfaction, offering social support and positive relationships, and

WHEREAS, Fiber Arts represent one of the highest participation rates of the arts and represents a valid standing within the contemporary context of fine arts, and

WHEREAS, The Omaha community believes that inclusion, respect, and understanding of those who work, play, worship and live in Omaha promotes a community we are proud of, and

WHEREAS, In the Good Life State of Nebraska, the arts heal and unite us.

Now Therefore, I Jean Stothert, Mayor of the City of Omaha, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

FIBER ARTS MONTH

To celebrate the creative use of fibers and textiles in the arts and increase the visibility of Omaha's vibrant arts and culture community.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Omaha to be affixed this 27th Day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

Jean Stothert

Jean Stothert, Mayor of Omaha

