

Resolution No. 894-2023

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

By Council Member Conwell

Declaring the month of October as Women in the Arts Month annually in the City of Cleveland, to celebrate and support the valuable contributions made by Cleveland's and America's women artists; and urging the United States Congress to declare October as national Women in the Arts Month.

WHEREAS, the arts are a well known set of cultural and creative practices dating back to the prehistoric era; its impact, sustain and enhance our lives; and

WHEREAS, within the vibrant tapestry of artistic expression, women have been instrumental in weaving threads of innovation, emotion, and insight; have challenged norms and defied boundaries, leaving an indelible mark in Cleveland on every canvas, stage, page, and screen; and

WHEREAS, we know that while women artists still face obstacles and disparities in presentation, power and representation, they deserve opportunities to share their brilliance and ongoing legacy of shaping the sector in profound ways.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County women play an important role in the arts and culture industries, but there is still relative disparity in the number of jobs in the creative arts held by women in comparison to their male counterparts; of 37,582 creative occupations in Cuyahoga County, 15,924 are held by women, while 21,659 are held by men; and

WHEREAS, even with this disparity, these numbers still indicate that women are a powerful force in the economic drive for the creative industries; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes women artists and the critical role they play in the city Cleveland; the state of Ohio, and the nation at large—we desire to celebrate and support women artists by declaring October Women in the Arts Month annually; and

WHEREAS this Council proclaims unwavering support for women in the arts – the painters, the poets, the musicians, the directors, the writers, and all those who dare to dream beyond boundaries; and

WHEREAS, we honor their contributions, celebrate their ingenuity, and work hand in hand to ensure that their voices continue to shape the artistic legacy of the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council declares the month of October as Women in the Arts Month annually in the City of Cleveland, to celebrate and support the valuable contributions made by Cleveland's and America's women artists; and urges the United States Congress to declare October as national Women in the Arts Month.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rhonda K. Brown, Senior Strategist for Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy, Jeremy Johnson, Assembly for the Arts, and Shontel Brown, United States Representative.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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8-16-2023
FOR: Council Member Conwell

