

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MANITOWOC

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Manitowoc recognizes that investment in creative economy development, and civic engagement through the arts and creativity are important to the health and vibrancy of the community and its future; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin nonprofit arts industry annually generates \$535 million in economic activity, supporting 22,872 jobs and generating \$64.9 million in state and local government revenue; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to over 500 recognized museums, each devoted to preserving, honoring and enriching Wisconsin's rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manitowoc is home to two of the 20 Wisconsin Museums accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in recognition of their commitment to excellence and operations according to national standards and best practices in the field: the City-run Rahr-West Art Museum and the private non-profit Wisconsin Maritime Museum; and

WHEREAS, the International Council of Museums created International Museum Day in 1977 to encourage awareness about the role of museums in the development of society and International Museum Day will be celebrated May 18, 2019 across over 35,000 museums in more than 145 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Federation of Museums is sponsoring Wisconsin Museums Week, May 11-18, 2019, focusing on the positive impact that museums play in our community; and

WHEREAS, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and Arts Wisconsin are co-hosting the annual statewide Creative Economy Week, promoting and celebrating the creative economy in Wisconsin's communities, May 11-18, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Justin Nickels, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11th, 2019, to May 18th, 2019, as

CREATIVE ECONOMY WEEK AND WISCONSIN MUSEUMS WEEK

in the City of Manitowoc, to celebrate and promote the arts, creativity, and vitality in and for our community.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this **15th day of April, Two Thousand and Nineteen.**

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor