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RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING WISCONSIN MUSEUMS WEEK AND CREATIVE ECONOMIES WEEK

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 300 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, 2017 across over 35,000 museums in more than 145 countries; and

WHEREAS, for the thirteenth consecutive year, the Wisconsin Federation of Museums is sponsoring *Wisconsin Museums Week*, May 13-20, 2017, 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 second annual statewide *Creative Economy Week*, promoting and celebrating the creative economy in Wisconsin's communities, May 13-20, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Manitowoc declares the week of May 13-20, 2017 as Creative Economy Week and Wisconsin Museums Week to celebrate and promote the arts, creativity, and vitality in and for our community. Furthermore, the City of Manitowoc requests the Clerk send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators, to Governor Scott Walker and to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Introduced MAY 15 2017 _____

Adopted _____

Approved _____

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

This Resolution was drafted by Greg Vadney, RWAM Director

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