

Office of the Mayor
CITY OF MANITOWOC

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the Rahr-West Art Museum, located in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, was established in 1950 by the City of Manitowoc as the "Rahr Museum and Civic Center" and held its first board of directors meeting in that year; and
- WHEREAS, the Rahr-West has been a highly successful public museum, welcoming over 1,000,000 visitors during its 75 years and amassing one of Wisconsin's best permanent collections, featuring artwork by Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, and many other noted artists; and
- WHEREAS, the museum is the site of the 1962 crash landing of the Sputnik IV Russian spacecraft and is the host of Sputnikfest, one of Wisconsin's most beloved festivals; and
- WHEREAS, the museum has curated over 850 exhibitions, including local, regional, national, and international art, has hosted over 45,000 youth artists in various student art exhibitions, and is one of only 23 museums in Wisconsin to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums; and
- WHEREAS, the Rahr-West Art Museum has been a creative hub for 75 years, showcasing and educating local artists both professional and amateur; and
- WHEREAS, in the last 15 years, the museum was named one of America's Best Small-Town Art Museums by *Travel + Leisure* and *USA Today* and has been featured by the Travel Channel, the BBC, *Reader's Digest*, *The New York Times*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, among other international and national media;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Justin M. Nickels, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby recognize and commend the Rahr-West Art Museum on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary and encourage all citizens to celebrate its exceptional contributions to the arts, culture, and education in Manitowoc and beyond.



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 September, Twenty Twenty-Five

A blue ink signature of Justin M. Nickels, Mayor of Manitowoc, written over a horizontal line.

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor