

## WHEREAS it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of

Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, people from every walk of life throughout the Westerville community participate in, celebrate, and are enriched by the Arts; and

WHEREAS, artistic expression can be found in the form of paintings on easels and on the sides of buildings; in sculptures in sand, stone, metal, and clay; in the diverse architecture of public and private buildings; in our brick streets; in a wide variety of events featuring music, dance, and the literary arts; in our media; in the presentations of multiple theater and drama groups; in the signage of places of business; in the landscaping and care of thirty nine parks; and in the aspects of homes and yards throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the artist in each person needs nurture, artistic talent and appreciation for the Arts to grow and improve with guidance and training; and

WHEREAS, the Westerville community is blessed with many teaching and learning centers, both in the public schools and in the private sector, dedicated to instruction in the Arts. NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim that the Year of 2013, be referred to as

## "THE YEAR OF THE ARTS"

in Westerville and declares Westerville as an arts-friendly community of educators, learners, and practitioners and sets aside the year of 2013 for the recognition and celebration of the Arts.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 8th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Kathleen	Cocuzzi,	Mayor