



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Arts and Humanities Month

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress, since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect and imagination of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities and our country; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has clear evidence that the arts and humanities contribute significantly to our quality of life, the education of our citizens and the economy of our state; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts and culture industry also strengthens the Rhode Island economy by generating approximately \$1.8 billion in economic activity annually and by supporting nearly 18,000 jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as: *Arts and Humanities Month* in the state and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 27 day of September, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Raimondo".

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea".

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State