



## State of Rhode Island 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 \$2 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 2020 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 this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2020



**Gina M. Raimondo**  
Governor



**Nellie M. Gorbea**  
Secretary of State