



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 throughout 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

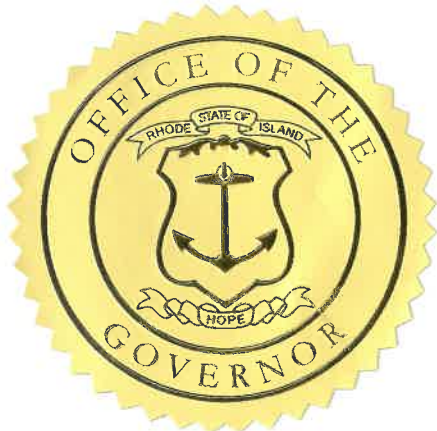
WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are a source of strength, solace, and connection, particularly in our most challenging times; and

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, despite significant losses due to the coronavirus pandemic, the creative industries remain among the most vital sectors of the American economy - providing new opportunities for developing cities, creating jobs and economic activity within their own industry and across sectors, and making communities attractive to business development, and

WHEREAS, the arts and culture industry also strengthens the Rhode Island economy by generating approximately \$2 billion in economic activity annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of over 18,000 jobs, making Rhode Island third in the nation in the number of arts related businesses per capita.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim October 2022 to be *Arts and Humanities Month* in the State of Rhode Island with the theme for the month being “Culture Builds the Future,” and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island, this 1st day of October, 2022.

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State