



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 Rhode Islander; 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, the arts and culture industry also strengthens the Rhode Island economy by generating approximately \$2.2 billion in economic activity annually, accounting for 3.2 percent of the state's Gross Domestic Product, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of nearly 17,000 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 2023 as **Arts and Humanities Month** in the State of Rhode Island with the theme for the month being **“Collective Responsibility,”** and encouraging all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.

Given under my hand and the
seal of the Office of the Governor this
1st day of October, 2023.



Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State