



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 residents and the economy of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts and culture industry also strengthens the Rhode Island economy by generating approximately \$2.4 billion in economic activity annually, accounting for 3.25 percent of the state's GDP, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of approximately 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 2024 as *Arts and Humanities Month* in the State of Rhode Island. encourage all state residents to participate, attend events, make art, and learn and recognize the importance of arts and humanities during the month.

Given under my hand and the seal of the  
Office of the Governor of the State of  
Rhode Island, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.



**Daniel J. McKee**  
Governor

**Gregg M. Amore**  
Secretary of State