



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1966, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, an esteemed division of the New Jersey Department of State, has championed the arts as an essential part of the state's cultural identity, promoting freedom of expression, and enriching the lives of residents and visitors of all ages, abilities, and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, for six decades, the board and staff of the New Jersey State Council on Arts have strategically invested in artists and arts organizations in all 21 counties, fostering vibrant creative communities, advancing quality education, increasing health and wellness, and providing a catalyst for positive change statewide; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts has earned national recognition and served as a model for other states through innovative programs including the Creative Aging Initiative, Family First Discovery Pass, TRANSITional Art Project, and the Cultural Access Network, demonstrating New Jersey's leadership in expanding access to the arts and strengthening community engagement; and

WHEREAS, through strategic public and private partnerships, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts has helped generate an annual economic impact of more than six hundred ninety-two million dollars across the state, supporting jobs, bolstering tourism, strengthening local businesses, and contributing to the vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, as the New Jersey State Council on the Arts celebrates its Sixtieth Anniversary, it honors the countless artists, culture workers, advocates, and community partners whose vision, dedication, and leadership have shaped the Garden State's thriving arts industry and will continue to inspire, connect, and propel New Jersey forward;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby commemorate:

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

and recognize the profound impact of the arts on our communities, celebrate the Council's enduring legacy, and support a future in which creativity continues to flourish throughout the State of New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirteenth day of July in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fifty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Dale G. Callahan

Lt. GOVERNOR

Mikie Sherrill

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