

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 17, 2019

To recognize October as National Arts and Humanities Month in the District of Columbia and to celebrate the arts and humanities for their importance in our lives and communities.

WHEREAS, arts and humanities have been a critical part of human life, development, and learning since the beginning of times;

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities allow people to express themselves, learn about each other, encourage creative thinking skills in personal development, and have a wide variety of economic, social, and educational benefits;

WHEREAS, in 1965 the United States Congress established the National Endowment for the Arts to give Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities;

WHEREAS, the Arts and Humanities Act of 1975 established the Commission on the Arts and Humanities in the District of Columbia in order to evaluate and initiate action on matters relating to the arts, and to encourage the development of programs;

WHEREAS, in 1993 Americans for the Arts declared the month of October National Arts and Humanities Month with the goals of focusing on the arts at local, state and national levels, encouraging individuals and organizations to participate in the arts, allowing governments and businesses to show their support of the arts, and raising public awareness about the role the arts and humanities play in our communities and lives;

WHEREAS, the National Arts Awards were also established in 1993 by Americans for the Arts and are held annually in October to recognize and celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of national leaders who are advancing the arts in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 26th Arts and Humanities month and the 26th annual National Arts Awards hosted by Americans for the Arts where a variety of organizations and individuals will be recognized for their contributions to the arts.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “National Arts and Humanities Month Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes the key role that the arts and humanities plays in both the District of Columbia and society as a whole and we are proud to celebrate October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.