



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the arts enrich all Americans, affecting every aspect of life from economic vitality to creative problem-solving, job creation, bolstered tourism, quality education, and healthy, dynamic communities; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been designated as National Arts and Humanities Month at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey ranks among the top seven states in the nation for state support of the arts, and awards more than 900 grants through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to recipients in all 21 counties, leveraging more than \$662 million each year in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey youth have access to high quality arts experiences that ignite the imagination, sharpen critical skills, and prepare them for creative and innovative leadership; and

WHEREAS, the arts industry in New Jersey helps shape quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds, in distinctive destinations from the shore to the mountains; and

WHEREAS, artists and arts organizations in all corners of New Jersey promote participation in the arts through Discover Jersey Arts, a collaborative public awareness campaign that significantly contributes to the revitalization of towns and cities throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 2023

AS

DISCOVER JERSEY ARTS MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-eighth day of September in the year two thousand twenty-three, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.

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