



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### **Resolution in Recognition of National Arts & Humanities Month**

**WHEREAS**, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of all Americans, and

**WHEREAS**, the arts and humanities affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity, and community livability, and

**WHEREAS**, cities and states – through their local and state arts agencies and representing thousands of cultural organizations – have celebrated the value and importance of culture in the lives of Americans and the health of thriving communities during National Arts and Humanities Month for several years, and

**WHEREAS**, Americans for the Arts will again coordinate this year a national awareness campaign of activities for National Arts and Humanities Month, and

**WHEREAS**, the nation's 95,000 cultural organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation's 4,500 local arts agencies, the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions, and the President of the United States have participated in the past and will be asked to participate again this year in this national celebration, and

**WHEREAS**, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$166.3 billion in total economic activity annually, \$27.5 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 5 million jobs, and

**WHEREAS**, the creative economy drives tourism and commerce, supports American workers, makes up 4.5% of the annual GDP and supports economic development, and

**WHEREAS**, the month of October 2020 has been designated as National Arts and Humanities Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association urges lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command to build partnerships with their local arts agencies and other members of the arts and humanities community in their cities to proclaim, to participate in, and to celebrate the month of October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

ADOPTED, this day, the \_\_\_\_ of July, 2020

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist (D – Michigan), Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long (D – Delaware), Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (R – Louisiana)