

WHEREAS; encompassing a wide range of topics and disciplines, the arts and humanities encourage collaborative, intergenerational, and multicultural learning and enable individual expression through a variety of different media; and

WHEREAS; the arts and humanities build connections and understanding between diverse groups of people and enrich the lives of many by offering opportunities for all to explore and learn in ways that allow them to build a better Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; even in the face of unprecedented challenges, artists, humanities scholars, and arts and humanities organizations have found new and innovative ways to deliver exhibitions, performances, programs, and services to the world; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Arts Board is celebrating its 50th anniversary and has enjoyed a productive and mutually supportive relationship with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, regional economic development organizations, and the state’s creative industries, enhancing opportunities for cultural workers while also attracting new businesses to the state; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Humanities, an independent non-profit affiliate organization of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has for the past 51 years partnered with libraries, schools, historical societies, museums, and other civic and cultural organizations to help communities thrive through residents’ active engagement with history, culture, and ideas; and

WHEREAS; the arts and humanities play an essential role in bolstering the creative economy that retains and attracts a dynamic workforce and valuable industries to Wisconsin communities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the thousands of organizations and individuals across the state who are dedicated to promoting the arts and humanities, including the Wisconsin Arts Board and Wisconsin Humanities, in supporting the arts in education, promoting thoughtful engagement with history, culture, and ideas, celebrating cultural activities in communities, and encouraging all Wisconsinites to find their own creative voice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 15th day of September 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State