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; for more than 50 years, the Wisconsin Arts Board and Wisconsin Humanities have promoted reflection, discussion, and civic participation through uplifting Wisconsinites to tell their stories, engage with diverse perspectives, and explore the complexities of the shared human experience; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Arts Board partners with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, regional economic development organizations, and the state's creative industries to enhance opportunities for cultural workers while also attracting new businesses to the state; and

WHEREAS; the arts and humanities offer opportunities for all Wisconsinites to find belonging, care, and connections in their communities, and they 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 organizations and individuals across the state who are dedicated to promoting the arts and humanities in supporting the arts in education, promoting thoughtful engagement with history, culture, and ideas, and encouraging Wisconsinites to live vibrant, expressive lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

NATIONAL 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 29th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State