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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 28, 2024, TO BE "ARTS ADVOCACY DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Tanzi, Boylan, Donovan, McGaw, Fogarty, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: May 28, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The arts enhance and enrich the lives of every Rhode Islander and many
2 visitors to the State; and

3 WHEREAS, The arts sector adds \$2.37 billion to Rhode Island's economy; and

4 WHEREAS, The arts account for 3.25 percent of Rhode Island's GDP and generates \$23
5 million in annual State and local tax revenue; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to ensuring that Rhode Island maintains its reputation as an
7 outstanding arts and cultural destination and key hub, the events generated by the arts sector bring
8 audiences to our city and town centers and fill our restaurants and shops; and

9 WHEREAS, Arts education programs offered during and after school enhance the quality
10 of education being offered annually to the benefit of thousands of children, teenagers and adults;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, data reveals that art and culture continue to be two of the top
13 sectors suffering from the shutdown due to the pandemic; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
15 proclaims May 28, 2024, to be "Arts Advocacy Day" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That this House, in an effort to avoid the shuttering of programs, urges all
18 of the people of the State of Rhode Island to recognize, applaud, appreciate and support the many
19 gifts all of our State's arts and cultural assets gives to our community on a daily basis; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts
4 (RISCA) and the Rhode Island Coalition for the Arts.

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