

STATE OF OHIO

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH IN OHIO OCTOBER 2010

The month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities and states across the country as well as by the White House and Congress for more than a decade;

the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect and imagination of humankind;

the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American;

the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities and our country;

the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our national economy by generating about \$130 billion in economic activity annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.85 million jobs; about 16,000 arts-related businesses that employ approximately 89,000 people in Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TED STRICKLAND, Governor, hereby recognize October as Arts and Humanities Month in Ohio and call upon the residents of Ohio to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our state and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities, including an increase in membership in the Ohio Citizens for the Arts.



**Ted Strickland
Governor**