

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

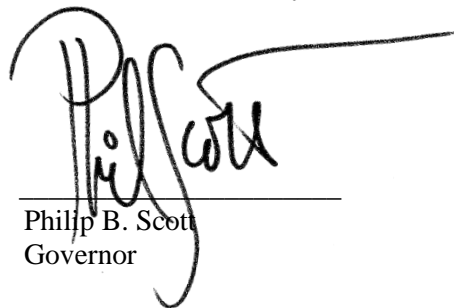
- WHEREAS,** the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind and enrich the lives of every Vermonter; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1965, the Vermont Arts Council has been the state's primary provider of funding, advocacy, and information for the arts in Vermont, and has cultivated and advanced the arts and creativity throughout our state; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1974 the Vermont Humanities Council has sought to engage all Vermonters in the world of ideas, foster a culture of thoughtfulness, and inspire a lifelong love of reading and learning; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2018 the Vermont Arts Council invested over \$754,000 in grants and services that supported individual artists, arts in education programs, and cultural organizations across Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2018 the Vermont Humanities Council sponsored over 840 talks, book discussions, literacy programs, and other humanities events in 117 Vermont communities, including towns in every county; and
- WHEREAS,** the arts and culture industry strengthens our economy by generating over \$100 billion in total economic activity every year, and supports the full-time equivalent of 5 million jobs nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** events that the Vermont Arts Council and the Vermont Humanities Council sponsor and host, and the artists and writers that they support, help make Vermont a great place to visit and to live; and
- WHEREAS,** learning about the arts and humanities help develop well-rounded and innovative citizenry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 2019 as

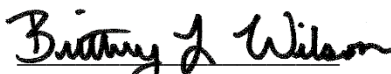
ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of October, A.D. 2019.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs