**RESOLUTION**

**In Support of Shop Local Artists Week**

WHEREAS [INSERT STATE/COUNTY/CITY NAME]’s cultural economy produces [INSERT [CREATIVE INDUSTRIES REPORT’S](https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/research-studies-publications/creative-industries/view-the-reports/reports-by-state/) JOB NUMBER HERE] jobs representing [INSERT [CREATIVE INDUSTRIES REPORT’S](https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/research-studies-publications/creative-industries/view-the-reports/reports-by-state/) PERECENT NUMBER HERE] percent of the [STATE/COUNTY/CITY]’s workforce; and

WHEREAS the nation’s creative economy produces nearly $729 billion in annual revenue,

representing approximately 4.2 percent of the United States of America’s gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS [STATE NAME]’s creative economy produces nearly [STATE STUDY AMOUNT] billion in annual revenue, representing approximately [STATE STUDY PERCENTAGE] percent of the [STATE NAME] gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS the Arts are an invaluable component of economic development and an instrumental element in attracting new business; and

WHEREAS further investment in the creative workforce and creative economy is vital; and

WHEREAS artists, entrepreneurs, and nonprofit arts organizations are valuable contributors to the small business community; and

WHEREAS the creative economy includes visual artists, musicians, dancers, performing

artists, writers, culinary artists, actors, filmmakers, museums, theatres and festivals; and

WHEREAS support of these artists and arts organizations, and in particular local artists in our

community, is vital to ensure that this rich culture and all its assets can continue to flourish and

enhance our state; and

WHEREAS on [INSERT PROCLAMATION DATE], the [NAME OF GOVERNMENT BODY] of the State of [STATE NAME] voted in favor of the first full week of December “Shop Local Artists Week,” to be celebrated annually in support of artists and arts organizations throughout [STATE/COUNTY/CITY NAME];

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [NAME GOVERNMENT BODY] of the State of [STATE NAME] proclaims that the first full week of December shall heretofore be celebrated as “Shop Local Artists Week” in support of the arts, artists, quality of life, and the economy.

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Signature / Date