



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cultural Trust Act was signed into law on July 25, 2000, and the New Jersey Cultural Trust was formed and convened its first meeting on July 12, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cultural Trust was created as a permanent, interest-generating fund to help ensure a stable nonprofit cultural industry that is sustainable for years to come and under fluctuating economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's nonprofit cultural industry supports over 12,000 jobs and contributes over \$690 million to the New Jersey economy each year; and

WHEREAS, arts, history, and humanities contribute immeasurably to the quality of life in New Jersey, to the health and vitality of our cities, towns, and neighborhoods, to sound education, to the advancement of inclusion and understanding, and to the celebration of our rich culture, diversity, and identity; and

WHEREAS, stable and healthy nonprofit cultural organizations in New Jersey play an invaluable role in ensuring that the benefits of the arts, history, and humanities are extended to the people of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, the Trust has provided over \$20.3 million to 231 diverse arts, history, and humanities organizations in all 21 counties in New Jersey, supporting the building of endowments, the improvement of institutional and financial stability, and the capital improvement of cultural facilities; and

WHEREAS, over the last 25 years, the New Jersey Cultural Trust has made significant contributions to the institutional and financial resilience of New Jersey's cultural sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize:

**THE NEW JERSEY CULTURAL TRUST**

as it celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and congratulate its board members, staff, grantees, and constituents for their contributions to New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fifteenth day of April in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.

*Dale G. Callahan*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Mikie Sherrill*  
GOVERNOR