

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY SENATOR STINE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana Partnership for the Arts for their contributions to the arts and culture in Louisiana and designate April 18, 2024, Arts Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Partnership for the Arts, a statewide nonprofit organization comprised of an alliance of arts organizations, artists, and advocates, has provided advocacy, education, and resources for Louisiana arts organizations, artists, and members of the creative economy for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, artists, arts educators, and arts organizations have been the beneficiaries of the cumulative effort of the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts members, producing results that extend beyond the boundaries of their individual spheres of influence, enhancing knowledge, participation, and enjoyment of the visual and performing arts throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Partnership for the Arts mission of empowering the arts community to enhance quality of life for all Louisianians; and

WHEREAS, the arts and culture sector contribute \$6.6 billion to Louisiana's economy, representing 2.9% of the state's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, 7,871 arts-related businesses employ over 50,000 people, with nonprofit arts contributing \$7.7 billion to the Louisiana state economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts for their promotion and advocacy of the arts in Louisiana, and in appreciation for the contributions of the entire Louisiana arts sector of the economy, designates Thursday, April 18, 2024, as Arts Day in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Shawna Nile Batchelor, Chair-Elect of the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE