

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 13, 2025, as Kentucky Arts Day.

2 WHEREAS, Kentucky's unique arts and creative cultural resources serve as
3 economic drivers, strengthen regional identities, attract tourists, and assist with
4 community development; and

5 WHEREAS, the arts and culture industry generates \$6.5 billion annually,
6 representing 2.5% of Kentucky's gross domestic product and creating 50,526 jobs; and

7 WHEREAS, the arts contribute to the success of our children through education and
8 participation in the arts by engaging and inspiring students and teaching them creative
9 thinking skills; and

10 WHEREAS, Kentucky's creative arts industry plays a valuable role in building an
11 innovative workforce that will be necessary for future community and economic growth;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, a thriving arts community attracts tourists who desire to learn,
14 experience, and discover cultural attractions. Cultural tourists invigorate local economies
15 by staying longer and spending more money than other tourists; and

16 WHEREAS, Kentucky's rich culture and heritage are reflected in its arts, which are
17 nationally and internationally recognized;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

19 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
20 ***Kentucky:***

21 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes February 13, 2025, as Kentucky Arts
22 Day, and welcomes Kentuckians for the Arts and other art supporters who are visiting the
23 Capitol today.

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
25 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe.