

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing January 22, 2026, as Kentucky Arts Day.

2 WHEREAS, Kentucky's vibrant arts scene 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 \$6.9 billion annually,
6 representing 2.5 percent of Kentucky's gross domestic product and creating 51,094 jobs;
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8 WHEREAS, the arts contribute to the success of our children through education and
9 participation in a variety of arts programs, engaging and inspiring students and teaching
10 them creative thinking skills; and

11 WHEREAS, Kentucky's creative arts industries play a valuable role in developing
12 the innovative workforce that will be necessary for future community and economic
13 growth and for the attraction and retention of top talent; and

14 WHEREAS, a thriving arts community attracts tourists who desire to learn,
15 experience, and discover Kentucky's cultural attractions, and many cultural tourists
16 invigorate local economies by staying longer and spending more money than other
17 tourists; and

18 WHEREAS, Kentucky's rich culture and heritage are reflected in its arts scene and
19 talented artisans, which are nationally and internationally recognized;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
22 Kentucky:*

23 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes January 22, 2026, as Kentucky Arts
24 Day.

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