

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY SENATOR STINE

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Monday, May 11, 2026, as Louisiana Arts Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is known for its rich and diverse cultural heritage, shaped by generations of artists, musicians, writers, performers, and tradition bearers whose creativity defines the spirit and identity of our people; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's arts and culture sector is a vital economic engine, generating an estimated six billion six hundred million dollars in annual economic impact, supporting more than forty-nine thousand jobs, and contributing approximately two point one percent to the state's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, artists and cultural workers in this state are the driving force behind the state's thriving tourism industry, attracting millions of visitors each year who come to experience the state's unique music, cuisine, festivals, visual arts, historic sites, and cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana tourism is powered by the creativity, innovation, and authenticity of Louisiana's artists and culture bearers, whose work not only enriches the lives of residents but also strengthens communities and local economies across all sixty-four parishes; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts works to advocate on behalf of artists in this state, ensuring they are heard and recognized for their contributions to our cultural economy and the vibrancy of art throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, investing in and supporting the arts ensures continued economic growth, educational enrichment, workforce development, and the preservation of Louisiana's irreplaceable cultural legacy; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Arts Day serves as an opportunity to recognize, celebrate, and advocate for the importance of the arts and culture sector and the individuals who sustain it.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, May 11, 2026, as Louisiana Arts Day in Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE