City of Seattle

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in October 1969, ArtsFund was founded to help strengthen and establish arts and culture in the Puget Sound Region and contribute to the vibrancy of our communities; and

WHEREAS, ArtsFund will celebrate its 50-year anniversary of strengthening the community by supporting the arts through leadership, advocacy and grant-making; and

WHEREAS, ArtsFund has made $84 million in grants to 240 organizations, bolstering the arts ecosystem through generous support from businesses and individuals who recognize the value of arts and culture in the community; and

WHEREAS, ArtsFund serves the arts and cultural sector through capacity building, leadership training and networking opportunities for nonprofit staff and boards, fostering a healthy network of organizations and volunteers that can serve the community; and

WHEREAS, ArtsFund has developed resources for the arts and cultural community through the creation and dissemination of critical research and reports on the sector including the Economic Impact of the Arts Study, which ArtsFund has been conducting since 1992, and the Pacific Northwest's first-ever Social Impact of the Arts Study, advocating for and uplifting the vital role arts and culture organizations play in our region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes the work ArtsFund has been undertaking for the past 50 years and wishes them continued success;

NOW, THEREFORE I, JENNY A. DURKAN, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 15, 2019 TO BE

ArtsFund Day

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan
City of Seattle