



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, ArtsFund was founded in 1969 as the United Arts Council of Puget Sound, with the goal of helping to establish and support major arts and culture organizations in the region, including ACT Theatre, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Seattle Opera, the Seattle Symphony, Seattle Rep, and the Seattle Art Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, continuing its work under two different names (United Arts Council of Puget Sound, 1969-1975; Corporate Council for the Arts, 1975-2003), the organization finally adopted the name ArtsFund in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past five decades, ArtsFund has awarded almost \$84 million in grants to 240 organizations in the Puget Sound cultural community, and ranks as one of the nation's leading United Arts Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, ArtsFund has grown and evolved with the Puget Sound region and its arts and cultural community, and continues to provide grantmaking, research, programs, and advocacy to build a sustainable, collaborative, informed, and inclusive future for the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 2020, ArtsFund will celebrate 50 years of strengthening the community by supporting the arts and continuing its work to ensure the arts are accessible to all and valued as central and critical to a healthy society.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2020 to be

## **ArtsFund 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day**

in King County. I encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the critical work of ArtsFund over the past 50 years.



Dow Constantine  
King County Executive