

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 10

Introduced by: Senators Buhl O'Donnell, Bradford, Brown, Cammack, Ewing, Fiegen, Frerichs, Greenfield (Brock), Haverly, Heineman (Phyllis), Heinert, Holien, Hunhoff (Bernie), Novstrup (David), Olson, Parsley, Peters, Peterson (Jim), Rusch, Shorma, Sutton, Tieszen, and Vehle and Representatives Killer, Anderson, Bartling, Beal, Bordeaux, Brunner, Craig, Deutsch, Dryden, Duvall, Feickert, Gibson, Greenfield (Lana), Harrison, Hawks, Hawley, Heinemann (Leslie), Holmes, Hunhoff (Jean), Hunt, Jensen (Alex), Johns, Kirschman, Klumb, McCleerey, Munsterman, Novstrup (Al), Peterson (Kent), Qualm, Rasmussen, Ring, Romkema, Rounds, Rozum, Schoenfish, Schrempp, Sly, Soli, Solum, Stalzer, Steinhauer, Tulson, Werner, Willadsen, Wollmann, and Zikmund

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing and honoring the South Dakota Arts Council on its fiftieth anniversary of serving South Dakotans and our communities through the arts.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Arts Council was established in 1966 by the state Legislature to coordinate the development of the arts through public awareness, arts education programs, access and inclusion, cultural tourism, grants and services, and to act as the steward of the state's federal appropriation from the National Endowment for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Council is to make quality arts accessible throughout the state by providing encouragement, grants, services, and information to artists, arts organizations, and schools. The presence of a strong state arts agency ensures that all communities, regardless of their geographic location, political affiliation, or economic status, are equitably served; and

WHEREAS, arts organizations contribute to vibrant, progressive communities offering a climate appealing to businesses, investors, residents, and travelers, and the arts play an essential role in cultural tourism. A greater public awareness of the value of the arts encourages investments in the arts, catalyzing tax revenues, public and private support and investment, and entrepreneurial business practices; and



WHEREAS, the South Dakota Arts Council has demonstrated accountability by adhering to the highest management and accountability standards and leveraging federal dollars to address the needs and goals of the statewide arts community. The Council moves forward with new momentum to broaden appreciation for the arts, help revive schools and communities, connect with, and through, the people, and enhance the quality of life in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognizes that universal access to the arts is intrinsic to the well-being of all South Dakotans and artists are central to the creative environment of South Dakota and commends the South Dakota Arts Council for its dedication to serving the best interests of South Dakota communities and citizens through the arts for the past fifty years.