

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the State of Illinois recognizes the year 2025 as the 60th anniversary of the Illinois Arts Council - an entity created to build a strong, creative, and connected Illinois through the arts; and,*

*WHEREAS, the arts play a vital role in shaping and enriching our lives, supporting economic growth, creating opportunities for expression, and embracing and appreciating the beauty of cultural diversity and the rich tapestry it weaves in Illinois; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Arts Council is the primary steward of public funding for arts and cultural activities in Illinois, taking great pride in its commitment to support the arts community through grant programs and special initiatives; and,*

*WHEREAS, by providing operating and technical support to organizations and programs statewide, the IAC helps keep Illinois' arts sector vital, vibrant, and accessible to all; and,*

*WHEREAS, the IAC also advances arts education for all Illinois students through programs, services, partnerships, and collaborations with stakeholders; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Arts Council fosters creativity and working artists by providing resources, opportunities, and direct support for the work of individual artists -- the foundation of Illinois' creative environment;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim 2025 as the 60th Anniversary of the Illinois Arts Council and commend its observance to everyone in the Land of Lincoln.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this SEVENTEENTH day of DECEMBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and SIXTH.*



*Alexi Giannouh*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR