

Honouring the Proclamation of Month of the Artist

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta recognizes the vital contribution of artists to the social, economic and cultural fabric of the Province of Alberta; and

WHEREAS Indigenous artists, reflecting the histories of the Indigenous peoples who have inhabited this territory since time immemorial, have an essential role to play, through their work, in shaping the evolution of the artistic and cultural landscape in Alberta; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta values the role of artists in affirming and revitalizing relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta values the diversity in the work of artists who, being of all ages and backgrounds, reflect our diverse cultural mosaic; and

WHEREAS Deaf artists and artists with disabilities, reflecting their unique perspectives and experiences, have an important role to play in sharing their voices and talent through their work; and

WHEREAS Young artists, reflecting the next generation of artists in Alberta, encourage new perspectives and inspire youth to pursue and value art; and

WHEREAS Alberta artists, through their work, play an important role in educating and creating life-long learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta provides funding to artists and arts organizations through the Alberta Foundation for the Arts to support a healthy and vibrant artistic sector; and

WHEREAS the proclamation of the Month of the Artist gives Albertans the opportunity to celebrate the contributions of artists to Alberta; and

WHEREAS the proclamation of the Month of the Artist provides an opportunity to increase recognition of the need for artists to be fairly compensated for the creation and use of their artistic works;

THEREFORE the Lieutenant Governor in Council orders that a Proclamation issue proclaiming the month of January of each year as the Month of the Artist in Alberta.

The Honourable Ricardo Miranda Minister of Culture and Tourism