

Senate Resolution 67

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 35th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Merritt of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 2, 2025, as Georgia Arts Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, arts and culture embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and
3 imagination of humankind; and

4 WHEREAS, arts and culture improve the overall quality of life in Georgia's communities;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Georgians recognize the arts and culture industry as an important pillar and a
7 source of pride in their neighborhoods and communities; and

8 WHEREAS, towns, cities, and counties, through their local and state arts agencies and
9 councils representing thousands of arts and cultural organizations, celebrate the value and
10 importance of arts and culture in the lives of Georgians and the health of thriving
11 communities during Georgia Arts Day; and

12 WHEREAS, through organizational spending and the resulting economic impact, the arts and
13 culture industry generated \$1.3 billion in 2022, supporting 19,734 Georgia jobs; and

14 WHEREAS, an overwhelming number of visitors to Georgia report that their reason for
15 visiting was to attend performances, events, exhibits, venues, and arts and culture-related
16 facilities; and

17 WHEREAS, the arts and culture industry serves as a catalyst for generating economic
18 impact, stimulating business development, spurring urban renewal, attracting tourists and
19 area residents to community activities, and improving the overall quality of life in Georgia's
20 cities.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize February 2, 2025, as Georgia Arts Day in Georgia and encourage communities
23 throughout the state to celebrate and promote the arts and culture.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
26 press.