

# Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** the residents of this state benefit from access to the arts, the opportunity to enjoy the creative output of others, and the encouragement of art education in our schools; and
- Whereas,** The Jefferson Arts Council (JAC) is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run organization that promotes the arts by forming cultural partnerships that enhance the quality of life in Jefferson County and make it an appealing destination for tourism; and
- Whereas,** community art grants lend support to area organizations, artist cooperatives, fine artists and performing ensembles to fulfill their missions and execute their projects, programs and performance for the enjoyment of others; and
- Whereas,** outdoor art funded by JAC grants – in partnership with local government and state and/or federal government agencies – have helped to beautify the local built environment and energize Jefferson County's streetscapes; and
- Whereas,** the Jane Rissler – Jefferson Arts Council scholarships will be awarded annually to an outstanding senior at both Jefferson County's high schools, and the recipients plan to pursue fine arts or art education undergraduate degrees in college; and
- Whereas,** teaching arts creatively encourages the county's public school art teachers to host local artists to instruct their students in the use of materials and methods to create their own artwork; and
- Whereas,** public school children in Jefferson County have the opportunity during Youth Art Month to exhibit their best artwork in the historic Firehall Gallery in Charles Town, through the support and encouragement of the Jefferson Arts Council.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 13, 2025*, as:

## *Jefferson Arts Council Day*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

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

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner  
Secretary of State