

SENATE RESOLUTION 33

(By Senators Smith (Mr. President), Rucker,
Chapman, and Oliverio)

[Introduced February 10, 2026]

1 Designating February 11, 2026, as West Virginia Arts Day at the Legislature.

2 Whereas, The West Virginia Department of Tourism, the West Virginia State Arts Office,
3 and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts support programs, organizations, and individual
4 artists in all 55 counties; and

5 Whereas, The arts are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world,
6 the enduring record of human achievement; and

7 Whereas, The arts enhance every aspect of life in West Virginia: Growing our creative
8 economy, enriching our civic life, enhancing tourism, and exerting a profound, positive influence
9 on the education of our children; and

10 Whereas, Support for the arts advances, fosters, and promotes the traditional and
11 contemporary creativity of our residents through music, theatre, literature, dance, and fine arts;
12 and

13 Whereas, Arts education research shows that the arts help to foster discipline, creativity,
14 imagination, self-expression, and problem-solving skills while also helping to develop a
15 heightened appreciation of beauty; and

16 Whereas, The arts play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families,
17 our communities, and our state; therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate:*

19 That the Senate hereby designates February 11, 2026, as West Virginia Arts Day at the

1 Legislature; and, be it

2 *Further Resolved*, That the Senate encourages all citizens to celebrate and promote the
3 arts and culture in the Mountain State; and, be it

4 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
5 the Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Tourism.