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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 18, 2011  
**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Tony Payton  
**SUBJECT:** A Resolution designating October 2011 as “National Arts and Humanities Month” in Pennsylvania.

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In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution recognizing and designating the month of October 2011 as “National Arts and Humanities Month.”

In 1993, “National Arts and Humanities Month” was spawned from the “National Arts Week” observation which originated in 1985. With the direction, support and dedication of the Americans for the Arts organization, “National Arts and Humanities Month” has evolved into the largest annual celebration of the arts and humanities in the nation.

Considered a coast-to-coast celebration of culture in America, “National Arts and Humanities Month” serves to enlighten and enrich the lives of all Americans by promoting positive artful expression and heightening our awareness of the cultural gems that surround us. As such, I would like to formally recognize and designate October 2011 as “National Arts and Humanities Month” in Pennsylvania.

Thanks to major education cuts in the budget of 2011-12, arts programs in schools have been all but eliminated. As such, designations such as “National Arts and Humanities Month” serve as an important reminder to all people of the Commonwealth of the many novel and creative experiences, cultures, and ideas which are engendered through artful expression.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this important legislation. If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Tajuanna Franklin at 717-787-1384 x 6365 or [TFranklin@pahouse.net](mailto:TFranklin@pahouse.net).