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## RESOLUTION 2020-002

### **STAND TOGETHER AS ONE**

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected millions of people across the globe; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of deaths worldwide have been attributed to the pandemic; and

Whereas, closures and separations have taken an immense toll on our wellbeing, sparking major financial losses, widening socio-economic inequalities, and exacerbating the health burden on vulnerable groups; and

Whereas, misinformation about COVID-19 has created hostility in the form of racism and xenophobia proliferating fear and unrest, creating a backlash against members of religious and ethnic communities; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic is a serious health threat, and public health actions are needed to contain the spread of the virus; and

Whereas, the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) is committed to values of inclusion, diversity, equity, and creative expression; and

Whereas, ArtsWA rejects all forms of hateful acts including racist slurs that associate COVID-19 to a particular community, race, religion, or country of origin; and

Whereas, the success of recovery efforts mandates that we all participate and work together to stop the spread of the virus; and

Whereas, economic recovery will take extraordinary actions at all levels including government and business support as well as cooperation and compassion from all.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of the Washington State Arts Commission encourage our constituents and community and state leaders, to spread facts, not fear, and join us as we

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of the Washington State Arts Commission, at a regular open public meeting on this 5th day of May 2020.