



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, GOVERNOR

March 9, 2009

John E. Ostrout
Director, State & Regional Partnerships
National Endowment for the Arts
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20506

VIA PDF: ostroutj@arts.gov

Dear Director Ostrout:

Section 1607 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5 ("Recovery Act"), stipulates the governor of any state or agency thereof requesting ARRA stimulus funds must certify not later than 45 days, Friday, April 3, 2009, after the enactment of the Act that the state will request and use the funds.

We understand the funds from the National Endowment for the Arts for the South Dakota Arts Council under this Act are non-matching federal funds anticipated to be no less than \$290,000 and shall be expended in accordance with the National Endowment for the Arts' The Arts and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5 ("Recovery Act"), State Arts Agencies and Regional Arts Organizations Guidelines.

Thereby, pursuant to Section 1607 of the Act, by my signature, I certify it is my intention to request and use the funds made available by the National Endowment for the Arts in accordance with the National Endowment for the Arts' The Arts and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5 ("Recovery Act"), State Arts Agency and Regional Arts Organization Guidelines.

Dated and signed this 9th day of March, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Michael Rounds".

M. Michael Rounds

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