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May 6, 2026

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone in attendance at the Mayo Performing Arts Center's (MPAC) Expansion Restoration Project's Groundbreaking Ceremony.

For more than three decades, the MPAC has served as a regional cultural hub welcoming more than 250,000 patrons annually including offering thousands of free tickets to underserved populations, schools, nonprofits and healthcare providers. I understand that this transformative \$65 million restoration initiative, *Build Our Future: The Campaign for MPAC*, is significant in that it can expand arts access, elevate educational programming and preserve the historic 1937 theatre, one of northern New Jersey's most important cultural landmarks.

As Governor, I am proud to commend Mayo Performing Arts Center for its role in deepening community engagement in the arts for our Garden State residents. Congratulations on this expansion, and best wishes to all for a memorable event and continued success.

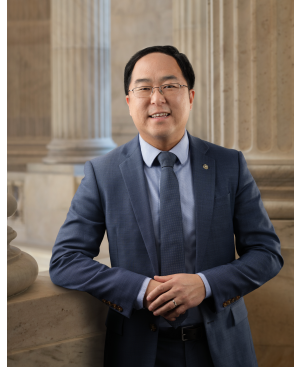
Sincerely,

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Mikie Sherrill
Governor

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510



May 6, 2026

To Mayo Performing Arts Center,

I am excited to congratulate you as you gather to celebrate the groundbreaking of your new Ilene and Bruce Jacobs Arts & Education Center. This meaningful milestone reflects your organization's commitment to promoting arts education that fosters a profound love for theatrical storytelling for future generations.

For over thirty years, Mayo Performing Arts Center has stood as a pillar of the Northern New Jersey community, staging hundreds of performances that entertain and inspire. From your PAS program that brings the arts to underserved youth to your partnership with Atlantic Health that advocates for arts-based wellness solutions, MPAC continues to uplift local communities, both on and off the stage. I am beyond grateful for your selfless dedication to the arts by bringing performances to New Jersey and by making them more accessible for countless residents.

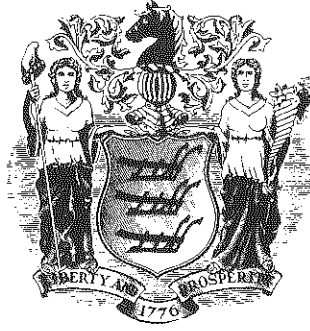
I commend Mayo Performing Arts Center on this important achievement. Now, more than ever, our country needs organizations such as your own that emphasize the importance of theatrical performances and public service. I wish you well at your groundbreaking ceremony and look forward to your future accomplishments.

Sincerely,

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Andy Kim
United States Senator

State of New Jersey



THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator BUCCO and Assemblywoman DUNN and SWEENEY

WHEREAS, The Mayo Performing Arts Center, highly esteemed within the Town of Morristown, Morris County, and throughout the Garden State, will host a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Ilene and Bruce Jacobs Arts & Education Center on May 6, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to recognize the Mayo Performing Arts Center upon this felicitous occasion, which bears witness to the culmination of an extensive planning process—one that has come to fruition due to the tireless dedication of countless individuals; and,

WHEREAS, A remarkable endeavor which both marks the realization of a shared vision and celebrates the power of the arts, the Ilene and Bruce Jacobs Arts & Education Center is a defining milestone in the *Build Our Future: The Campaign for MPAC*, and it will undoubtedly serve as a welcome addition to the Mayo Performing Arts Center's campus; and,

WHEREAS, Within all spheres, the Mayo Performing Arts Center has established a model worthy of emulation and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and,

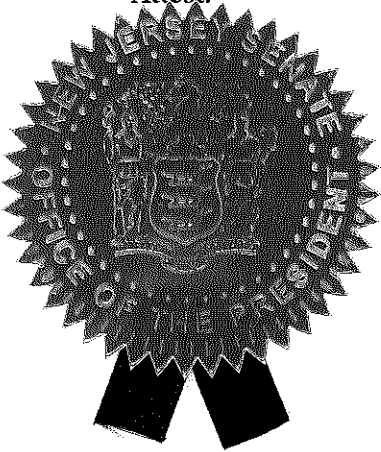
WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge the Mayo Performing Art Center's Ilene and Bruce Jacobs Arts & Education Center and affirm its importance to the people of Morris County and this State; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

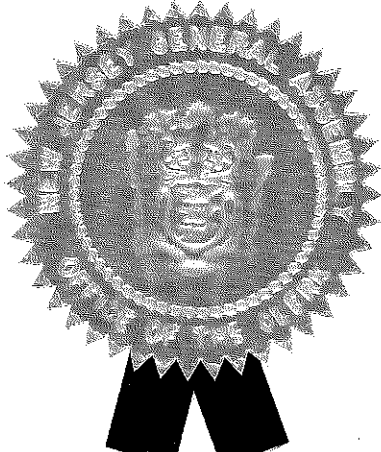
That this Legislature hereby salutes the Mayo Performing Arts Center upon the groundbreaking of the Ilene and Bruce Jacobs Arts & Education Center, pays tribute to the meritorious record of determination, commitment, and achievement demonstrated by all those who have contributed to this worthy project, and extends sincere best wishes for its success; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to the Mayo Performing Arts Center.

Attest:



Addison B. Hinrichs
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly

Nicholas P. Scutari
President of the Senate

Craig J. Coughlin
Speaker of the General Assembly