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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

SALUTE TO THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

TAPING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1975

TEN YEARS AGO, THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR
THE ARTS WAS CREATED TO STIMULATE AND SUPPORT ALL THE ARTS
THROUGHOUT THIS GREAT LAND. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME
IN OUR HISTORY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARTS IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

DURING THE PAST DECADE ARE IMPRESSIVE. IT HAS SUPPORTED
ORCHESTRAS, DANCE COMPANIES, MUSEUMS AND NEIGHBORHOOD
CULTURAL CENTERS. IT HAS STIMULATED NEW FINANCIAL SUPPORT
FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. IT HAS MADE THE ARTS ACCESSIBLE
TO MILLIONS OF AMERICANS.

ON ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY, THE NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS HAS EARNED THE CONGRATULATIONS
OF US ALL. MRS. FORD JOINS ME IN BEST WISHES FOR
CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THIS IMPORTANT AND INSPIRING WORK.

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