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HOWELL NAMED INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Topeka, Kan. – The Kansas Arts Commission has named Chris Howell as the agency’s interim executive director. Howell currently serves as the chief operating officer.

“We appreciate Chris’ experience and knowledge of the Kansas Arts Commission,” said Henry Schwaller, chairman of the Kansas Arts Commission. “The agency will continue to move forward in a search for a permanent director.”

Howell has 19 years of experience at the Kansas Arts Commission, serving in numerous positions.

Howell has been active with the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies and currently serves on the Folk Arts Advisory Committee for the National Assembly. Howell has also served as a board member of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, the Vice-Chair of the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission and President of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Howell is an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and served on the Circle of Tribal Advisors of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial as the official tribal representative of the Pawnee Nation.

Howell is also an advisor to the committee commemorating the 150 years of statehood for Kansas and is listed with the Kansas Humanities Council’s Kansas 150 Speakers Bureau.

The Kansas Arts Commission is a state agency, funded by the State of Kansas and the National Endowment for the Arts, dedicated to promoting and supporting the arts in Kansas. Its mission is to provide opportunities for the people of Kansas to experience, celebrate and value the arts throughout their lives. For more information on the Kansas Arts Commission, please visit the KAC website at <http://arts.ks.gov>.

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