

# Proclamation



## THE PHILLIPS COLLECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 12, 2021

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1918 and opened to the public in 1921 by collector and philanthropist Duncan Phillips and his mother Eliza Laughlin Phillips, The Phillips Collection celebrates 100 years as America's first museum of modern art; and

**WHEREAS**, The Phillips Collection remains steadfast in its mission of sharing the power of art to foster empathy and cultivate a collective understanding of our shared humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, The Phillips Collection has served as a consistent place for community convenings, dialogue, and reflection around the urgent issues of our time; and

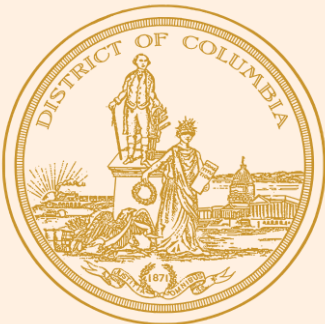
**WHEREAS**, The Phillips Collection contributes to the vitality of Washington, DC's cultural community through both its historic museum in Dupont Circle in Northwest and in its satellite campus—Phillips@THEARC—in Southeast; and

**WHEREAS**, The Phillips Collection facilitates dynamic programs, partnerships, and innovative educational activities with DC Public Schools, to engage audiences of all ages and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, The Phillips Collection is dedicated to infusing its masterfully curated work with its core principles of diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion to better serve its community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Phillips Collection is a resilient institution known for providing enriching experiences of modern and contemporary art for 100 years; I am so thrilled that visitors can return to the your exhibits now that once again #DCisOpen:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC**, do hereby proclaim November 12, 2021 as "THE PHILLIPS COLLECTION DAY" in Washington, DC, and encourage Washingtonians to join me in celebrating this monumental anniversary and recognizing this remarkable institution as it begins its next century.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser".