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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Local agency receives \$10,000 national Art for Science Rising grant to create climate action mural

Columbia, MO, July 18, 2018: Local nonprofit organization Resident Arts was one of six recipients of the national Art for Science Rising grant given by the Union of Concerned Scientists to promote the #ScienceRising movement. The grant will support the creation of a large mural on the retainer wall on HWY Old 63, just south of Broadway. In conjunction with its current partners on the ongoing MKT trail mural partnership, the city's Office of Sustainability and Department of Parks and Recreation, Resident Arts will address a similar theme to this year's MKT trail mural, using the city's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan as inspiration for the mural's design.

The process to complete the mural began in June and will culminate in late September. The design and production follows a methodology that includes the community at every step of the process, including a Community Feedback Session scheduled for August 8th at 5:30pm, a Community Painting Day on August 18th 9am-4pm, and a Public Unveiling Event on September 30th 5:30pm. All events are located at the mural site.

Science Rising is a national mobilization effort taking place throughout 2018 in the run-up to the midterm elections. It is not a one-day march—it is a series of local actions, events, and activities organized by many different groups. More information at sciencering.org.

It is the mission of the Union of Concerned Scientists to put rigorous, independent science to work to solve the planet's most pressing problems. Joining with people across the country, they combine technical analysis and effective advocacy to create innovative, practical solutions for a healthy, safe, and sustainable future. More information at ucsusa.org.

Resident Arts is an artist-run nonprofit which cultivates aspiring and emerging artists, and engages supporters of the arts to strengthen Mid-MO's community. Their professional development and skill-building programs empower and educate to help create and sustain fulfilling careers in the arts. More information at residentarts.org.

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