



Metropolitan King County Council

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, within King County, there are 18 school districts, more than 700 schools, and more than 300,000 students; and

WHEREAS, King County invests in arts and heritage education through 4Culture, a public development corporation chartered by county government to promote arts and heritage programs for all King County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, are defined as a subject in Washington State's definition of basic education, and are considered an essential component of a complete and balanced education for all students; and

WHEREAS, education in the arts enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternate ways of communicating and expressing feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding—thereby supporting academic success across the curriculum, as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in life in the 21st century, and students learn these skills through meaningful education in the arts; and

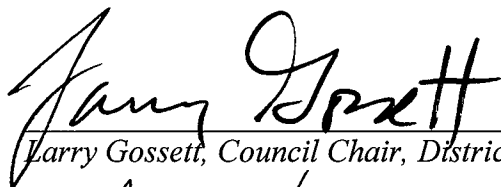
WHEREAS, we applaud the efforts and dedication of educators, advocates, and artists around the state and call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their commitment to provide arts education for every student in every school;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, hereby proclaim May 2011 as

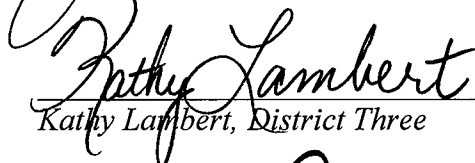
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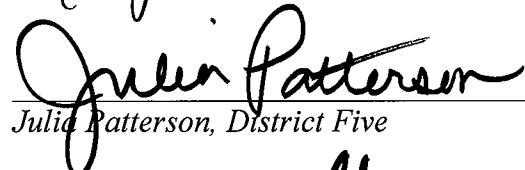
in King County. We encourage all communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful activities and programs for students, teachers, and the public that demonstrate learning and understanding of the arts, and urge all county residents to become interested in and give full support to quality school arts programs for children and youth.


DATED this sixteenth day of May, 2011.

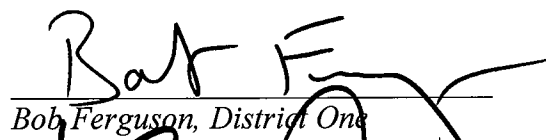

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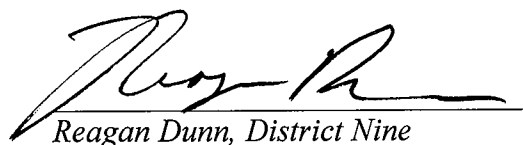

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