

## RESOLUTION 2012-02

### Arts Education Month 2012



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

*WHEREAS*, learning in and through the arts enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports 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 the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce; and

*WHEREAS*, the arts can transform our schools into havens of creativity and exploration – places where students want to learn, teachers want to teach, and all members of the learning community are more engaged and motivated; and

*WHEREAS*, high quality school-based arts education involves a wide range of partners, including School Boards, district administrators, educators, parents, artists and arts organizations, community members, and local businesses and organizations, whose collective endeavors towards equitable provision of arts learning for all students we celebrate and promote; and

*WHEREAS*, we applaud the efforts and dedication of arts educators and advocates around the state, and we 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, BE IT RESOLVED BY 4CULTURE* that May 2012 is recognized as

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in King County, and all communities are encouraged to celebrate the arts with meaningful activities and programs for students, teachers and the public that demonstrate learning and understanding in the arts, and all citizens are urged to become interested in and give full support to quality school arts programs for children and youth.

Signed, this 25th day of April, 2012

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Dale Smith, President  
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