



King County

Metropolitan King County Council

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, are defined as a core 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, the arts enable students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, as well as cross-cultural understanding—all which support academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21st century workforce; and

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

WHEREAS, a high quality arts education involves a wide range of partners, including school boards, district administrators, teachers, parents, artists and arts organizations, local businesses, and community members, whose collective endeavors can provide an equitable arts education for all students; 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 arts education for "Every Student in Every School";

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, proclaim the month of May 2012, as

ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

in King County and call on all residents to join us in recognizing the important role of the arts in education for all students.

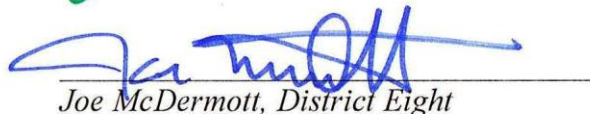
DATED this seventh day of May, 2012.


Larry Gossett, Council Chair


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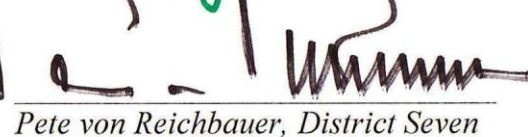

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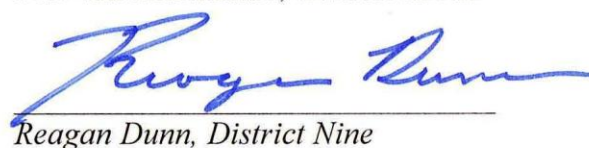

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