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Washington State Arts Commission Board

RESOLUTION — ARTS EDUCATION MONTH In support of providing arts education for every student in every school

WHEREAS, the Washington State Arts Commission is committed to advancing projects and collaborations that bring high-quality, standards-based arts education into the lives of public school students throughout the state; and

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 considered an essential component of a 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, 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, teaching artists, arts organizations, community members, and local businesses, whose collective endeavors towards equitable provision of arts learning for all students we celebrate and promote; and

WHEREAS, ArtsWA Arts in Education programs support sustainable arts education practices through collaborations of committed schools, districts, and arts education partners; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jay Inslee has proclaimed May as Arts Education Month in the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we, the Board of the Washington State Arts Commission join the Governor and the many partners and friends of arts in education in the State of Washington to proclaim May

Arts Education Month

We applaud the efforts and dedication of arts educators and advocates 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."

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of the Washington State Arts Commission, at a regular open public meeting on this 6th day of May, 2015.

Brenda Nienhouse, Board Chair
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