

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, are defined as a core content area in Washington State's definition of basic education, and considered an essential component of the complete education that should be provided 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, 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 educators, parents, artists and arts organizations, community members, and local organizations, whose collective endeavors 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 arts education focus in order to meet the goal of "Arts for Every Student";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARILYN STRICKLAND, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as

ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

in the City of Tacoma, and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

WITNESS, THEREFORE, MY HAND
AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON,
This 4th Day of May, 2017



MARILYN STRICKLAND, Mayor

