



City Proclamation/Board Resolution

Add or edit clauses as desired to suit local city proclamation or School Board resolution. Present along with the letter of request or make your request in person.

WHEREAS, the state of Washington recognizes the arts, defined as dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts, as a core academic subject, and an essential element 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, perseverance, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding and empathy, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, collectively, arts and culture enable understanding of the past and envisioning of a shared, more equitable future; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21st-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, included, 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 and statewide organizations; and

WHEREAS, 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 efforts to provide arts education for every student, in every school, every year;

*(for proclamation) NOW, THEREFORE, we, do hereby proclaim
May as*

*(for resolution) NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we < name
of School Board/organization>, do hereby proclaim May as*

**Arts Education
Month**

and urge all people in our community to join us in this special observance.

Signed, this xx day of xx, 20<xx>
[Signature(s)]