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ARTS EDUCATION MONTH Resolution

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, imagination and creativity are essential in all subject matter areas, and are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21st century workforce; and,

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education requires all high school students to achieve a credit in the visual or performing arts as part of the statewide minimum graduation requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has acknowledged the importance of the arts by proposing increased arts graduation requirements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education reaffirms the importance of the arts as an essential part of a complete education for all students; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Education supports Arts Education Month in Washington State, where 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.

Adopted:
Attest:
Chair: _____