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Washington State Arts Commission Board Arts Education Month

RESOLUTION 2020-001

WHEREAS, the Washington State Arts Commission is committed to supporting and 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 support the development of social emotional skills through joyful online, remote, and in-home learning during this critical time; and

WHEREAS, despite school closures and the disruption of education during the COVID-19 global pandemic, we continue to support high quality arts education in all schools for all students every year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Board of the Washington State Arts Commission continue to recognize May as

Arts Education Month

As we begin to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, we urge community members, school boards, teachers, district administrators, parents, teaching artists, arts organizations, and local businesses, to join us in our continued support of arts education in Washington schools.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of the Washington State Arts Commission, at a regular open public meeting on this 5th day of May, 2020.