

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Washington recognizes the multifaceted work of arts educators and mentors in service of students, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, arts education brings joy, empathy, confidence, and a sense of belonging and connection; and

WHEREAS, arts education supports critical thinking, academic achievement, interdisciplinary approaches, the exploration of evolving technologies, and connections to creative careers; and

WHEREAS, arts programs, inside and outside the school day, invite students to connect with and preserve diverse cultural heritage and practices; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington recognizes the arts as a core academic subject that is part of Basic Education for all PreK-12 students; and

WHEREAS, statewide and national data reveal persistent gaps in access to arts education that disproportionately impact historically marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington strives to increase access to arts and cultural learning for every student, inclusive of geographic location, abilities, identities, race, and socioeconomic status; and

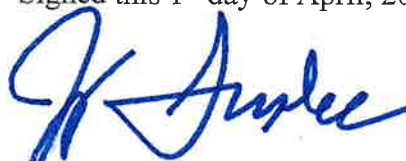
WHEREAS, Arts Education Month honors the stories, cultures, questions, and ideas shared by students through the arts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

Arts Education Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 1st day of April, 2024


Governor Jay Inslee

