

State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

2016

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts, and more, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and well-rounded education for all students; and

WHEREAS, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, arts education contributes to increased attendance and graduation rates; elevates academic achievement; and prepares students for college, career and citizenship readiness; and

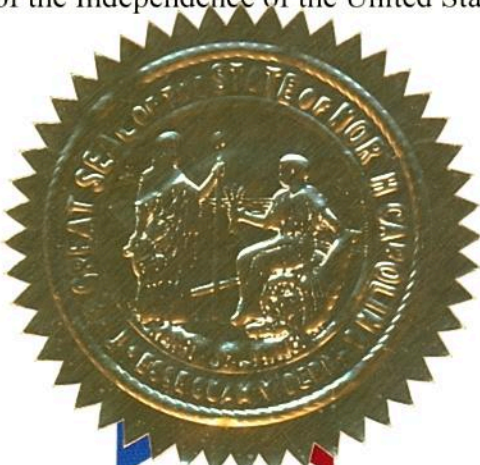
WHEREAS, arts education contributes to personal growth outside of the classroom, including increasing a student's likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a 21st century workforce, such as communicating through words, images, sounds and movement; and

WHEREAS, the arts are an integral part of life in the United States and an essential element to a complete education which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities across North Carolina and our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 2016, as "**ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirty-first day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.



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