

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Historically, Massachusetts has been a leader in bringing arts education into public education; and

Whereas The arts are essential to a basic education and are one of the six core subjects as designated in the federal No Child Left Behind bill and the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993; and

Whereas The arts include dance, music, theatre, visual arts, literary arts and media; and

Whereas Arts education reaches different types of learners and fosters students' creativity, self-expression, skills within an art form, and artistic literacy; and

Whereas Arts education helps students to develop self-discipline, cross-cultural understanding, artistic expression, teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving skills required for success in school, college and the 21st century workforce; and

Whereas Massachusetts arts educators, artists and arts community professionals are committed to developing and maintaining comprehensive, sequential arts curriculum and programming that follow the highest local, state, and national standards; and

Whereas The Massachusetts Arts Education Collaborative calls on arts educators and communities to publicize exhibits, concerts, performances, and events that focus attention on the importance of arts education in our schools,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 2010, to be

ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this seventeenth day of February, in the year two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-third.

By His Excellency

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deval L. Patrick'.

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William Francis Galvin'.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts