

The Massachusetts General Court



Resolutions

CELEBRATING ARTS EDUCATION MONTH.

WHEREAS, ARTS LEARNING AND THE MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL WILL CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF MARCH AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH TO PUBLICIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL ARTS EDUCATION IN DEVELOPING CRITICAL SKILLS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY; AND

WHEREAS, TEACHING THE ARTS, WHICH INCLUDES DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, VISUAL ARTS, LITERARY ARTS AND MEDIA IS ESSENTIAL TO A BASIC EDUCATION BOTH IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS 1 OF 6 CORE SUBJECTS IN THE FEDERAL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND BILL AND THE MASSACHUSETTS EDUCATION REFORM ACT OF 1993; AND

WHEREAS, ARTS EDUCATION STIMULATES, DEVELOPS AND REFINES MANY COGNITIVE AND ARTISTIC SKILLS INCLUDING CREATIVITY, SELF-EXPRESSION AND ARTISTIC LITERACY; AND

WHEREAS, ARTS EDUCATION PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE ABILITY TO DEVELOP SELF-DISCIPLINE, CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, TEAMWORK, CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS REQUIRED FOR SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND THE WORKFORCE; AND

WHEREAS, PARTICIPATION IN THE ARTS INSPIRES STUDENTS TO ATTEND AND ENGAGE IN LEARNING BOTH IN AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL; AND

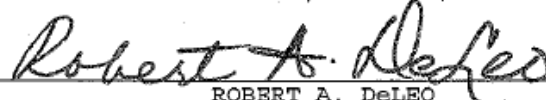
WHEREAS, MASSACHUSETTS ARTS EDUCATORS, ARTISTS, ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND ARTS COMMUNITY PROFESSIONALS ARE COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING COMPREHENSIVE SEQUENTIAL ARTS LEARNING THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE HIGHEST LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL STANDARDS; AND

WHEREAS, ARTS LEARNING AND THE MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE ARTS EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITIES TO PUBLICIZE EXHIBITS, CONCERTS, PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS THAT FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL ARTS EDUCATION; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT JOINS WITH COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH IN CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED, MARCH 1, 2010.


ROBERT A. DeLEO

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

