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A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF DUVALL

WHEREAS, the City of Duvall, along with the state of Washington, recognizes that arts education, defined as dance, music, theatre and visual arts, as a core academic subject and an essential element 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 feeling and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the imagination and creativity are seen as increasingly critical capacities needed for success in the 21st century, as evidenced by national reports and the Washington Learns report on educational reform in our state, and

WHEREAS, the arts can transform our schools into havens of creativity and exploration – places where students want to learn, teachers want to teach, and all members of the learning community are more engaged and motivated; and

WHEREAS, high quality school-based arts education involves a wide range of partners, including educators, artists and arts organizations, community members, and local and statewide organizations; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the efforts and dedication of arts educators and advocates around the state, and call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their arts education focus to meet the goal of “Arts for Every Student;”

NOW THEREFORE, I, Will Ibershof, Mayor of the City of Duvall, do hereby proclaim May 11–17, 2008, as

Arts Education Week

in the City of Duvall, Washington, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 8th day of May, 2008

Mayor Will Ibershof