

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes the arts, in all of their diversity, help nurture the whole person and sustain healthy, livable communities; and

WHEREAS, arts participation and training – in the classroom and out of school – are proven to reduce the achievement gap and increase student success in all areas; and

WHEREAS, the arts are fundamental to a complete education and important to nurturing Seattle's next generation of creative contributing citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs works with hundreds of arts organizations, teaching artists, parent groups and educators to bring the arts into the lives and learning of all Seattle youth; and

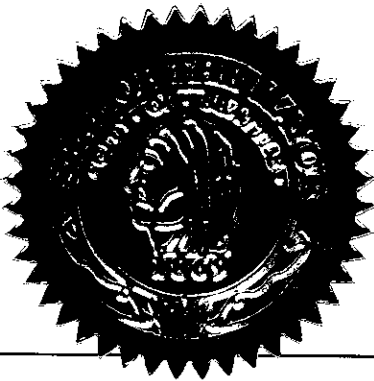
WHEREAS, the Seattle Arts Commission has formed a partnership with Seattle Public Schools to build and sustain an expanded district arts team to lead a long-term arts education strategy; and

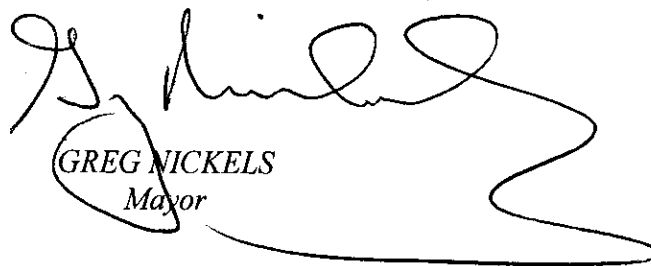
WHEREAS, we applaud the dedication of arts educators and advocates and call for school and community leaders to continue to strengthen their arts education focus in order to meet the goal of "Arts for Every Student"; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, celebrate the contributions of arts educators, and do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2008, to be

ARTS EDUCATION WEEK

in Seattle and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.




GREG NICKELS
Mayor