



Resolution in recognition of Arts Education Month 2009

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, are part of Washington State's definition of basic education, and considered an essential component of the complete education that should be provided for all students, with standards, assessments and graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, learning in and through the arts enables students to develop capacity for critical thinking; nurture imagination and creativity; practice discipline; communicate successfully in a variety of ways; integrate experiences and knowledge to form reasoned judgments and solve problems; and acquire cross-cultural understanding, in furtherance of the goals of basic education; 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, advancing academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth beyond the classroom; and

WHEREAS, high quality school-based arts education involves a wide range of partners, including elected decision makers, district administrators, principals, educators, parents, artists and arts organizations, community members, and local organizations, whose collective endeavors are critical to serving all students; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in school, work and life in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the efforts and dedication of educators and advocates around the state striving to provide arts learning, and we encourage school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their arts education focus in order to meet the goal of equitable access to arts learning for all students.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Board of Directors of ArtsEd Washington, do hereby recognize May 2009 as

Arts Education Month

in Washington State, and call on all to join us in advancing arts education for every Washington student through leadership, partnership, and communication.

Signed, this 20th day of March, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Sandner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael J. Sandner, President, Board of Directors