

THE GREATER TACOMA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

BOARD RESOLUTION 09-2

Arts Education Month

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, are defined as a core content area in Washington State’s definition of basic education, and considered an essential component of the complete education that should be provided 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 feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21st century workforce; 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, parents, artists and arts organizations, community members, and local organizations, whose collective endeavors we celebrate and promote; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation affirms the importance of the arts as an essential part of a complete education for all students; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation supports Arts Education Month in Washington State in May, where all communities are encouraged to celebrate the arts with meaningful activities and programs for students, teachers and the public that demonstrate learning and understanding in the arts.

Adopted: April 22, 2009

John Lantz, Chair

Judith Nilan, Secretary