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Sample #1: City Proclamation/Board Resolution

[Add or edit clauses as desired to suit local community]

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”

[Now, therefore, be it resolved, that **we** < name of School Board/organization>, do] *for resolution*

NOW, THEREFORE, < we>, <name of City> do, *for proclamation*

hereby proclaim May 2009 as

Arts Education Month

in this community, and call on all <students, staff, families and community> to join <me/us> in this special observance.

Signed, this xx day of xx, 2009

[Signature(s)]