



Honoring excellence in school theatre

**WASHINGTON THESPIANS**

An Educational Theatre Association affiliated chapter

## Washington State Thespians an affiliate of the Educational Theatre Association Board Resolution

Whereas, the month of May has been recognized as Arts Education Month by many communities, and school districts across the State of Washington, and

Whereas, the arts embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and

Whereas, learning in the arts enhances and enriches the lives of all students; and

Whereas, the arts play a unique role in the lives of our families, and our communities; and

Whereas, all children deserve a quality arts education; and

Whereas arts education teaches creative problem-solving and cultural knowledge; and offers multiple pathways to understanding for different types of learners; and

Whereas arts education increases connections and engagement between teachers, students, and the connected community that surrounds them;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we Washington Thespians an affiliate of the Educational Theatre Association, do hereby proclaim May as Arts Education Month in the state of Washington and call upon our community to celebrate and promote the arts in our schools and to take action to provide equitable access to arts learning for all students in our learning community.

Signed, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009

Ruben Van Kempen, Co-Chapter Director  
Leslie Van Leishout, Co-Chapter Director