

King County

Recognition

WHEREAS, arts literacy and creative expression are essential to a healthy community, contribute to civic engagement, and adds to the vibrant cultural scene that makes this region a great place to live, work, and learn; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. County believes that arts learning is a critical component of a well-balanced education for all students, developing imagination, creative problem solving and communication skills, self esteem, and cultural awareness; and

WHEREAS, arts education programs greatly enhance the educational environment for both educators and their students by providing an outlet for self-expression, individual achievement and a diversity of learning abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Legislature have worked to create systemic support for arts education through policies defining the arts as a core academic subject area; and

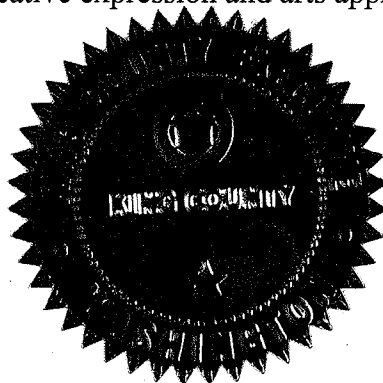
WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. County provides funding for school and community based partnerships to enrich or create new comprehensive and sequential arts education programs; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. County recognizes and celebrates the ongoing efforts of artists, arts organizations, arts teachers and arts advocates who work with the 19 school districts in this county to bring arts experiences to all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Sims, Executive of Martin Luther King, Jr. County, do hereby recognize

Arts Education

during the week of May 14-20, 2006. I encourage all residents to join me in honoring teachers, artists, students, and individuals and organizations throughout this great county for their dedication to arts education. Collaborating as partners we are helping to cultivate a thriving learning environment for creative expression and arts appreciation.



Ron Sims
King County Executive