

Recognition of National Arts in Education Week Throughout Florida September 8 – 14, 2019

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2010, the U.S. Congress officially approved a concurrent resolution to declare the week that begins on the second Sunday of September as the appropriate week to designate Arts in Education Week; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress calls on governors, mayors, and other elected officials from across the United States to issue proclamations each year to raise awareness of the value and importance of arts in education; and

WHEREAS, arts education is a diverse and rich array of disciplines that include dance, literature, music, theatre, and visual arts, and is an essential element of a well-rounded education for all students; and

WHEREAS, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum, personal growth outside the classroom, and interest to want to learn not just within the arts, but other areas of study; and

WHEREAS, state and national studies show that when students from all socio-economic backgrounds are highly involved in the arts in their schools, they have better grades, are less likely to drop out of school, have more positive attitudes about school, and are more likely to go on to college; and

WHEREAS, to succeed in today's global economy, students must use words, images, sounds, and movement masterfully to communicate; and arts education equips them with a creative, competitive edge to succeed in their higher education and workforce pursuits; and

WHEREAS, to attract and retain the best teachers is essential and can be achieved by ensuring that all schools incorporate the arts, becoming havens for creativity and innovation, and vibrant hubs of learning through arts education; and

WHEREAS, where schools and communities deliver high-quality learning opportunities in, through, and about the arts, extraordinary results occur;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 8-14, 2019, as National Arts in Education Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have

hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this ____ day of _____, in the year two thousand eighteen.