
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 14, 2000

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A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring March 2000 as "Arts in Education Month" and March 14,
2 2000, as "Arts in Education Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The arts enrich so many aspects of our lives,
4 including education, business, the built environment and the
5 quality of our homes and communities; and

6 WHEREAS, The arts evoke our creative spirit, moving us to
7 explore, imagine and reflect, and they promote the emotional,
8 mental and physical well-being of all Pennsylvanians; and

9 WHEREAS, It is through the arts that we discover the full
10 potential of our human creativity; and

1 WHEREAS, The arts allow us to accentuate self-expression and
2 communicate our thoughts, emotions and beliefs as individuals,
3 communities and cultures in diverse media, presenting them for
4 the viewing and enjoyment of others; and

5 WHEREAS, Citizens rely on the arts to transcend cultural
6 barriers and teach us of the diverse society in which we live;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The arts encourage us to develop empathy and a
9 common understanding of ourselves as Pennsylvanians; and

10 WHEREAS, It is both our good fortune and our responsibility
11 to sustain the gift of art, to enjoy it, to share, to build upon
12 it and to pass it on to future generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Arts education has been demonstrated to develop
14 discipline, creativity and the cognitive and social skills that
15 effectively prepare students for life and work in the 21st
16 century; and

17 WHEREAS, Arts education allows students to examine and
18 appreciate the arts of our culture and other cultures; and

19 WHEREAS, Education of our children is the foundation of our
20 Commonwealth's future; and

21 WHEREAS, Arts education programs in our schools enable young
22 men and women to realize their own talents and to understand and
23 appreciate existing art forms; and

24 WHEREAS, With proper instruction and enthusiasm, our children
25 can find joy and self-worth in expression of their artistic
26 interests; and

27 WHEREAS, Arts educators and artists-in-education foster
28 knowledge and awareness of the importance of the arts in all of
29 our lives and contribute to the values and principles of our
30 Commonwealth through the use of the arts; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend school
2 arts educators and thank them for their service to our children
3 and to our Commonwealth; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That every child in this Commonwealth receive a
5 well-rounded education including an extensive, high-quality
6 program of the arts taught by certified arts specialists; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare March
9 2000 as "Arts in Education Month" and March 14, 2000, as "Arts
10 in Education Day" in Pennsylvania.