

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 8 through 14, 2019, as "Arts
2 in Education Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Arts education, comprising a rich array of
4 disciplines including dance, media arts, music theater, visual
5 arts and more, is a core academic subject and an essential
6 element of a complete and well-rounded education for all
7 students; and

8 WHEREAS, Arts education enables students to develop critical
9 thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity,
10 discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate
11 and express feelings and ideas and cross-cultural understanding,
12 which supports academic success across the curriculum; and

13 WHEREAS, Arts education contributes to increased attendance
14 and graduation rates, elevates academic achievement and prepares
15 students for college, career and citizenship readiness; and

16 WHEREAS, Arts education contributes to personal growth
17 outside of the classroom, including increasing a student's

1 likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism
2 and community engagement; and

3 WHEREAS, To succeed in today's economy, students must
4 masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a
5 21st century workforce such as communicating through words,
6 images, sounds and movement; and

7 WHEREAS, There is widespread concern that high-stakes
8 testing, accountability measures for educators and reduced
9 funding are leading to the reduction of access to arts education
10 for students in this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, The arts are an integral part of life in the United
12 States and this Commonwealth and an integral part of a complete
13 education which contributes to the vibrancy of communities and
14 the nation; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 week of September 8 through 14, 2019, as "Arts in Education
17 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on all
19 residents of this Commonwealth to observe "Arts in Education
20 Week" with appropriate activities.