

Proclamation in support of

NORTH CAROLINA

Arts in Education WEEK

SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2023

- WHEREAS,** arts education, including dance, media arts, music, theatre arts, and visual arts is an essential element of a complete and well rounded education for all students; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education enables all students to develop critical thinking and problem solving, imagination and creativity, discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which support personalized pathways to academic success across the curriculum; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education contributes to increased attendance and graduation rates; elevates academic achievement; and prepares students for college, career, and citizenship readiness; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education supports personal growth outside of the classroom and increases a student's likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism, and community engagement; and
- WHEREAS,** to succeed in today's economy, students must develop skills that business leaders demand in a twenty-first century workforce such as communicating through words, images, sounds, and movement; and
- WHEREAS,** North Carolina supports statewide partnerships and cross-sector collaboration to promote and advance comprehensive arts education for North Carolina school children, including arts education, arts integration, and arts exposure; and
- WHEREAS,** the arts are an integral part of life in our state and are essential to a complete education, which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** our schools are charged with the education and development of well-rounded students;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the member organizations of the Arts Education Leadership Coalition, do hereby proclaim September 10-16, 2023, as "**ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK**" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to celebrate and acknowledge everyday but especially for this week that Arts Education is essential to every student's education in North Carolina.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto added our organizational logos on this the seventh day of September in the year two thousand twenty-three.

