

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Indiana Arts  
Education Day at the Statehouse.

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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Indiana  
2           Arts Education Day at the Statehouse.

3           *Whereas, February 14, 2019, is Indiana Arts Education*  
4           *Day at the Statehouse, where the Indiana Arts Education*  
5           *Network, including a broad cross-section of Indiana*  
6           *organizations and leaders, gathers to promote that all Indiana*  
7           *students deserve a well-rounded education that includes music*  
8           *and the arts;*

9           *Whereas, The Indiana Arts Education Network,*  
10           *collaborating with music and arts education advocates from*  
11           *around the state, is committed to ensuring that every Indiana*  
12           *student has reliable access to music and arts education;*

13           *Whereas, The Indiana Arts Education Network is dedicated*  
14           *to ensuring that every Indiana child reaches their full potential*  
15           *so they will be equipped to lead successful lives and help make*  
16           *Indiana the best place in the country to live and work;*

17           *Whereas, Schools with strong music and arts programs*  
18           *have significantly higher graduation and attendance rates than*  
19           *those without strong music and arts programs;*

20           *Whereas, Students with greater arts participation are more*  
21           *likely to come to class, avoid being removed and graduate, as*  
22           *well as demonstrate greater proficiency in mathematics and*  
23           *communication;*

24           *Whereas, The skills gained through sequential music*



1 *instruction, including discipline and the ability to analyze, solve*  
2 *problems, communicate, and work cooperatively, are vital for*  
3 *success in the 21st century workplace;*

4 *Whereas, Creative drama involvement improves adults'*  
5 *divergent thinking, increasing their fluency and flexibility,*  
6 *thereby increasing their creativity;*

7 *Whereas, The values youth obtain from working in the arts*  
8 *that carry over into general learning include critical thinking*  
9 *skills and risk-taking; and*

10 *Whereas, The Indiana Arts Education Network is dedicated*  
11 *to serving all Indiana students by supporting their ability to get*  
12 *the well-rounded education, including music and the arts, that*  
13 *they deserve: Therefore,*

14 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
15 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*  
16 *concurring:*

17 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly  
18 recognizes Indiana Arts Education Day at the Statehouse and  
19 the importance of arts education to all young Hoosiers.

20 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
21 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Indiana Arts  
22 Education Network.

