
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 27 through October 3, 2015, as
2 "Arts 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 support 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
18 likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism

1 and community engagement; and

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

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 27
15 through October 3, 2015, as "Arts in Education Week" in
16 Pennsylvania.