

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. 42, 2015-2016

ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Arts Education, which includes dance, theater, music, and the visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of their minds; and

WHEREAS, through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, thinking skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty, and cross-cultural understandings; and

WHEREAS, experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life, and are collectively one of the most important repositories of culture; and

WHEREAS, many national and state professional arts education associations hold celebrations in March focused on students' participation in the arts; and

WHEREAS, these celebrations give California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to California students, and to enhance public support for this important part of our curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education states in its Arts Education Policy adopted in July 1989 that each student should receive a high quality, comprehensive arts education program based on the adopted *Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve*; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Elk Grove Unified School District, the month of March 2016 is designated as *Arts Education Month*, and that all educational sites be encouraged to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to all schools in the district.

Christopher R. Hoffman
Secretary to the Board of Education