

**GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 11**

2020 - 2021

DESIGNATING MARCH 2021  
AS ARTS EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Arts Education, which includes dance, music, theatre, the visual arts, and media arts, is an important 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 understanding; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, these celebrations provide 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 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) lists the arts and music in a definition of a "well-rounded education," as subject areas eligible for Title I funds and other federal resources administered by state and local education agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts teach children the skills necessary to succeed in life, including learning to solve problems and make decisions, learning to think creatively, building self-esteem and self-discipline, articulating a vision, developing the ability to imagine what might be, and accepting responsibility to complete tasks from start to finish; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that the arts play a unique role in increasing student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, CREATE CA, California's Standards Arts Education Coalition, states in its Blueprint for Creative Schools that creativity is crucial to youth voice, the desire to learn, diversity, and public participation in intercultural works; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State Board of Education adopted the California Arts Standards for Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve (Arts Standards), on January 9, 2019, and states in part that each student should receive a high quality, comprehensive arts education

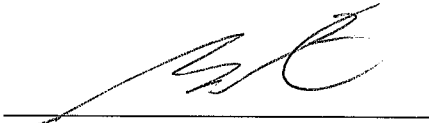
program based on the adopted Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education proclaims the month of March 2021 as Arts Education Month in California and encourages all District schools to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts.

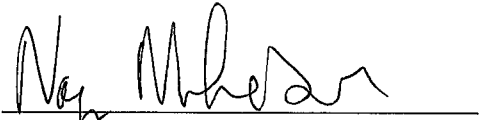
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 9th day of March 2021 by the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education.



Dr. Armina Gharpetian  
Board President



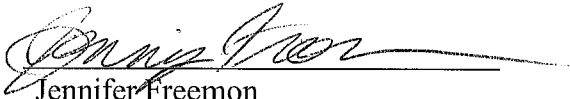
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