

**RESOLUTION 2014-5**

Expressing support for designation of the week beginning on the second Sunday of September as Arts in Education Week

**Whereas** arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students; and

**Whereas** arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

**Whereas** to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully use words, images, sounds, and movement to communicate; and

**Whereas** when schools and communities deliver high quality learning opportunities in, through, and about the arts for children, extraordinary results occur; and

**Whereas** arts education has a demonstrated ability to increase attendance rates, graduation rates, and student achievement, especially for at-risk students; and

**Whereas** attracting and retaining the best teachers is vital and can be achieved by ensuring that schools embrace the arts, becoming havens for creativity and innovation; and


**Whereas** there is widespread concern that high-stakes testing, accountability, and the new Colorado graduation requirements are leading to reductions in access to arts education for Colorado students; and

**Whereas** art is integral to the lives of United States citizens and essential to the health and vitality of communities and of the Nation:

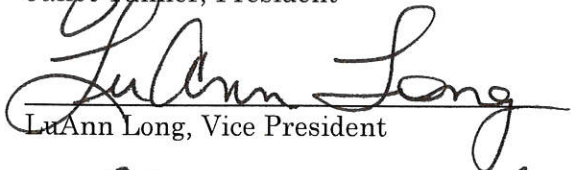
**Be It Resolved**, that the Colorado Springs District 11 Board of Education reaffirms the importance of the arts as an essential part of a classic, well-rounded, strong academic education; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Board of Education supports the designation of September 8-14, 2013 as Arts in Education Week and calls on all District employees and families to observe the week with appropriate activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of said school district to be hereunto affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

  
Dr. Nicholas M. Gledich  
Superintendent of Schools

  
Janet Tanner, President

  
LuAnn Long, Vice President

  
Elaine Naleski, Secretary

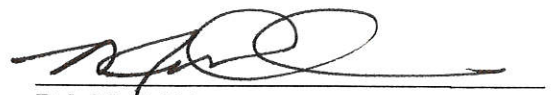
ATTEST:

  
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