

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH IN SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS

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, a systematic, substantive, and sequential visual and performing arts curriculum addresses and develops ways of thinking, questioning, expression, and learning that complement learning in other core subjects, but that is unique in what it has to offer; and,

WHEREAS, the arts are recognized as part of a quality education, and the University of California and the California State University have instituted a policy that includes visual and performing arts as a college preparatory subject for all high school pupils wishing to enter California's institutions of higher education; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Santa Rosa City Schools District designates March as Arts Education Month and encourages all educational stakeholders to become familiar with and celebrate the value and benefits provided by Arts Education and their related programs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Santa Rosa City Schools, on this 22nd day of February, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

Laurie Fong, Clerk of the Board

Date