



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **Resolution in Support of Designating the Week of September 13-19, 2015 as National Arts in Education Week**

2 Whereas, arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including, but it not limited to dance, music, theatre, media arts,  
3 literature, design and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balance education for all  
4 students;

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

8 Whereas, according to the Conference Board, creativity and innovation are two of the top skills that business leaders demand, but  
9 often are traits that they cannot adequately find in potential employee;

10 Whereas, the integration of arts and design, broadly defined, into federal STEM (science, technology, engineering and  
11 mathematics) programming, research, and innovation activities, known as STEAM (science, technology, arts, engineering and  
12 mathematics), is an effective approach to increasing student's engagement in the STEM Fields and thus maintaining the United  
13 States' competitiveness in both workforce and innovation;

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

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

17 Whereas students who receive an arts education are four times less likely to drop out of high school, score on average 100 points  
18 higher on their SATs across all social economic classes, four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, three  
19 times more likely to win an award for school attendance, four times more likely to participate in a math and science fair, and more  
20 than twice as likely to graduate college;

21 Whereas arts are integral to the lives of United States citizens and essential to the health and vitality of communities of the  
22 nations;

23 Now Let It Be Resolved that the National Lieutenant Governors Association reaffirms the importance of the arts as an essential  
24 part of a complete and competitive education;

25 Now Let it Be Further Resolved that each Lieutenant Governor to personally remain educated on and aware of the value of the  
26 arts in education;

27 Now Let it Be Further Resolved that the National Lieutenant Governors Association encourages member states to promote  
28 National Arts in Education Week by working with the state's department of education, state arts agency, local school boards and  
29 parents;

30 Now Let it Be Further Resolved that the National Lieutenant Governors Association declare the week of September 13-19, 2015  
31 as National Arts in Education Week and issue official proclamations as appropriate.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, IA; Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, CT; Additional Co-sponsors: Secretary of State Michele Reagan, AZ; Lt. Governor Shan Tsutsui, HI; Lt. Governor Angela McLean, MT; Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, IN; Lt. Governor Osbert Potter, VI; Lt. Governor Daniel McKee, RI; Lt. Governor Phil Scott, VT; Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, NY; Lt. Governor Matt Michels, SD