

SENATE RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, The literary, performing, and visual arts are vibrant threads weaving through the tapestry of life in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The arts inspire creativity and innovation, foster communication and understanding across the cultures, knit our communities and our state together with a common understanding of our humanity, and transmit core values to future generations; and

WHEREAS, The arts accelerate students' mastery of history, math and science, enhance problem-solving skills, and increase the self-esteem of youth at risk; and

WHEREAS, The arts industry throughout Washington State generates millions of dollars annually through performances, exhibitions, festivals, art walks, craft fairs, and concerts in the parks; and

WHEREAS, Our state has received international acclaim for the quality of its artists and arts institutions, drawing audiences from across the nation and the world to the Northwest and making cultural tourism a vital part of our economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington join in the celebration of Arts Day, Tuesday, February 2, 1999, and urge all citizens to join us in this observance.