

SENATE RESOLUTION
8622

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Honeyford, Jacobsen, Parlette, McAuliffe, Fraser, Berkey, Poulsen, Tom, Haugen, Franklin, Spanel, Rasmussen and Keiser

WHEREAS, The Arts are essential to the human experience, providing a means to express our communal joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, The Arts contribute to vital and vibrant communities across the state and enhance the quality of life for all Washington's citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Arts have tremendous educational value, community value, and economic value; and

WHEREAS, Arts education improves student achievement as part of a complete education and contributes to increased attendance, student leadership, and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, Public art projects enhance public spaces, encouraging community dialogue and participation in the arts; and

WHEREAS, Arts organizations and artists create cultural opportunities and improve community vitality, contributing to the economic vitality of businesses and individuals through the revitalization of communities and downtowns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the value of the Arts and join Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, in observing February 15, 2007, as Arts Day in the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Kris Tucker, Executive Director of the Washington State Arts Commission, and Gretchen Johnston, Executive Director of the Washington State Arts Alliance.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8622,
adopted by the Senate
February 14, 2007

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate