NATIONAL ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

September 13—19, 2020

A Proclamation

Whereas, arts education, including dance, music, theatre arts, and visual arts, is an essential element of a complete and well-rounded 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 support personalized pathways to academic success across the curriculum; and

Whereas, arts education contributes to increased attendance and graduation rates, elevates academic achievement and prepares students for college, career and citizenship readiness, and

Whereas, arts education contributes to personal growth outside of the classroom including increasing a student's likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism, and community engagement; and

Whereas, to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a 21st century workforce such as communicating through words, images, sounds, and movement; and

Whereas, North Carolina supports statewide partnerships and cross-sector collaborations to promote and advance comprehensive arts education for North Carolina school children, including arts education, arts integration, and arts exposure; and

Whereas, the arts are an integral part of our life in our state are essential to a complete education which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities and the nation;

Whereas, our schools are charged with the education and development of well-rounded students;

Now, therefore, we, North Carolina Dance Education Organization, North Carolina Music Educators Association, North Carolina Theatre Arts Educators, and North Carolina Art Education Association, do hereby proclaim September 13 – 19, 2020 as "ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.