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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Expressing Support for the Designation of the Week of September 11-17, 2016 as Arts in Education Week

Whereas arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts, and more, is a core academic subject and 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 supports 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 the arts are an integral part of life in the United States, North Carolina and Chatham County and are an integral part of a complete education which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities and the Nation:

Be it Resolved, that the Chatham County Commissioners support the designation of September 11–17, 2016, as Arts in Education Week in the Chatham County and calls on all employees and families to observe the week with appropriate activities.

Adopted, this the 15 day of August 2016.

James G. Crawford, Chairman
 Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCOC, Clerk to the Board
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