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ACR-49 Arts Education Month. (2021-2022)



Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 49

CHAPTER 27

Relative to Arts Education Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 49, Choi. Arts Education Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2021 as Arts Education Month and would encourage all educational communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful pupil activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Arts education, which includes dance, music, theater, and the visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of their minds; and

WHEREAS, Through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, thinking skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty, and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, Experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life, and are collectively one of the most important repositories of culture; and

WHEREAS, Many national and state professional educational associations hold celebrations in March focused on pupils' participation in the arts; and

WHEREAS, These celebrations give California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all pupils, foster cross-cultural understanding, give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, focus on careers in the arts available to California pupils, and enhance public support for this important part of the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education states in its Arts Education Policy adopted in July 1989 that each pupil should receive a high-quality, comprehensive arts education program based on the adopted visual and performing arts curriculum documents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the month of March 2021 as Arts Education Month and encourages all educational communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful pupil activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts; and be it further

Resolved, That educational communities involve parents and community representatives in these activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.