STATE OF DELAWARE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
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 and Delaware, and are an integral part of a complete education which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities and the Nation.

Now, Therefore, I, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
do hereby declare September 11th-17th, 2016

ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Delaware and call on all employees and families to observe the week with appropriate activities.

Jack Markell

Jack A. Markell
Governor

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