



# PROCLAMATION

## ARTS MONTH – OCTOBER 2020

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- WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades; and
- WHEREAS, arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced 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 as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and
- WHEREAS, to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully use words, images, sounds, and movement to communicate; and
- WHEREAS, when schools and communities deliver high quality learning opportunities in, through, and about the arts for children, extraordinary results occur; and
- WHEREAS, arts education has a demonstrated ability to increase attendance rates, graduation rates, and student achievement, especially for at-risk students; and
- WHEREAS, attracting and retaining the best teachers is vital and can be achieved by ensuring that schools embrace the arts, becoming havens for creativity and innovation; and
- WHEREAS, Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 is honored to be among one of the partners in the Military Arts Connection program founded by the Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region, which connects military service members and their families to local artistic opportunities throughout the year; and
- WHEREAS, art is integral to the lives of every American and essential to the health and vitality of the Pikes Peak Region and of the Nation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 Board of Education does hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as

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reaffirming the importance of the arts as an essential part of a classic, well-rounded, strong academic education, and calls on all District employees and families to observe the month with appropriate activities throughout the Pikes Peak Region and FFC8.

Given under the Seal of Fountain-Fort Carson District Eight this 16th day of September, 2020.

**Fountain-Fort Carson School District Eight**