

City of Birmingham

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Birmingham's commitment to education is unparalleled. It is the custom of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations, which are committed to enhancing the quality of education in the arts. This practice enables our schools to offer excellent educational programs in the most efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Birmingham joins the Alabama State Board of Education in recognizing the month of March as **Arts Education Month**. Arts education, comprising of a rich array of disciplines, including dance, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts, and more, is a well-rounded subject and an essential element of a complete education for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama arts and culture sector has enabled thousands to be employed and generated millions of dollars in economic activity, showcasing that arts and culture represent a valuable part of this city and state. More than one hundred (100) community-based arts education partners, artists, and organizations call the City of Birmingham home, contributing to the emerging arts scene in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, and collaboration. In addition, it offers alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum. Arts education contributes to establishing an environment where students can express themselves positively and increase a student's likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, 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. The arts are an integral part of life in the City of Birmingham and are an integral part of a complete education which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Birmingham, with Mayor Randall L. Woodfin concurring, pauses in its deliberations to support the designation of the month of March, as **Arts Education Month** in the City of Birmingham.

PRESENTED, this Seventh Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Three at the recommendation of Councilor J. T. Moore.

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