

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**MARCH 2026  
ARTS EDUCATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Arts Education, which includes dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, 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 associates hold celebrations in March focused on students' participation in the arts; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the California State Board of Education states in its Arts Education Policy adopted in July 1989 that each student should receive a high-quality, comprehensive arts education program based on the adopted visual and performing arts curriculum documents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on the 2nd day of February, 2026 that the Orange County Board of Education proclaims the month of March 2026 as the Arts Education Month and encourages all educational communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful student 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 the Orange County Board of Education will distribute suitably prepared copies of this resolution to all school districts in the County of Orange.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, Mari Barke, President of the Board of Education of Orange County, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of February 2026.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of February 2026.



Mari Barke, President  
Orange County Board of Education