

1 [Arts Education Month]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 2005 to be “Arts Education Month” in the City and County**
4 **of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Arts Education, which includes dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts,
7 is an essential part of basic education for all San Francisco students, kindergarten through
8 grade twelve, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of their minds;
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10 WHEREAS, Through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop
11 initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, thinking skills, discipline, a
12 heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and,

13 WHEREAS, Experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the
14 experience of life, and the arts are collectively a most important repository of culture; and,

15 WHEREAS, Many national and state professional education associations hold
16 celebrations in the month of March focused on students’ participation in the arts; and,

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

22 WHEREAS, The California State Board of Education states in its Arts Education Policy
23 adopted in July 1989 that each student should receive a high quality, comprehensive arts
24 education program based on the adopted Visual and Performing Arts Framework for
25 California Public Schools, kindergarten through grade twelve; now, therefore be it

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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