

**BY THE CITY OF TENINO
- A PROCLAMATION -
MAY 2019 – ARTS EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the city of Tenino recognizes the arts, defined as dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts, as a core academic subject, and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students; and

WHEREAS, learning in and through the arts enable students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, perseverance, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding and empathy, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, collectively, arts and culture enable understanding of the past and envisioning of a shared, more equitable future; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21st-century workforce; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the efforts and dedication of arts educators and advocates around the state, and call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their efforts to provide arts education for every student, in every school, every year.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and Council of the City of Tenino Washington do hereby Proclaim the month of May, 2019, as Arts Education Month and urge all people in our community to join us in this special observance.

Signed in the City of Tenino, Washington, this 14th Day of May, 2019.

Wayne Fournier, Mayor

Linda K. Gotovac, Council Member

David A. Watterson, Council Member

John O'Callahan, Council Member

Jason Lawton, Council Member

Rachel Davidson, Council Member