

Resolution No. 2017-04

PROCLAMATION: YOUTH ARTS MONTH

- WHEREAS, arts education, including dance, music, theatre and the visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a balanced, comprehensive education for all students; and,
- WHEREAS, arts learning experiences play a vital role in developing students' capacities for critical thinking, creativity, imagination and innovation; and
- WHEREAS, engagement in the arts enables students to develop discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which support academic success across the curriculum; and
- WHEREAS, arts education provides opportunities to develop the skills necessary for success in a competitive and complex 21<sup>st</sup> century environment, such as collaboration and cooperation, flexibility to anticipate the unexpected, empathy, analysis, communication and commitment to a project; and
- WHEREAS, study in the arts disciplines is about expanding, focusing and finding meaning and developing an understanding of what it means to transform ideas and feelings into an expressive art form; and
- WHEREAS, engagement in the arts in a school setting enriches that setting and motivates students to contribute and stay connected to learning in general; and
- WHEREAS, education in all the arts disciplines encourages life long learning and joy and develops a curiosity about the world and how it works – learning that enhances the quality of life for our students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Education,

- Reaffirms its commitment to arts education as a critical component of the K-12 Core Curriculum.
- Hereby supports teachers, schools, and districts as they work to strengthen arts education across Stanislaus County.
- Proclaims March 2017 be observed as “*Youth Arts Month*” in Stanislaus County schools and urges community members take an interest in and give full support to establishing, refining, and sustaining quality school arts education programs for all our students.

February 7, 2017



Kimberly Spina, Chairperson  
Stanislaus County Board of Education



Tom Changnon, Executive Secretary to the  
Stanislaus County Board of Education and  
County Superintendent of Schools