PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, arts education, comprising 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, arts education supports the social and emotional well-being of young people through self-awareness, self-efficacy, self-management and perseverance, and social awareness; relationship skills are central to any arts education activity no matter the age and ability of the student or the environment in which the learning takes place; and

WHEREAS, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which support academic success across the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, arts education contributes to personal growth outside of the classroom including increasing a student's likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism, community engagement, and success in other arenas; and

WHEREAS, the arts are an integral part of life and economy in the United States as well as the City of Appleton and are an integral part of a complete education, which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2020 as

Arts in Education Week

and call on all City residents to observe the week with appropriate activities.

Signed and sealed this <u>6</u> day of September 2020.

JACOB A. WOODFORD MAYOR OF APPLETON