

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, arts education, including dance, media arts, music, theatre arts, and visual arts, is an essential element of a complete and well-rounded education for all students; 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, all of which support personalized pathways to academic success across the curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education contributes to increased attendance and graduation rates, elevates academic achievement, and prepares students for college, career, and citizenship readiness; 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, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a twenty-first-century workforce, such as communicating through words, images, sounds, and movement; and

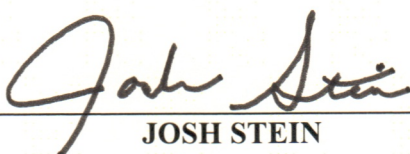
**WHEREAS**, North Carolina supports statewide partnerships and cross-sector collaboration to promote and advance comprehensive arts education for North Carolina schoolchildren, including arts education, arts integration, and arts exposure; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts are an integral part of life in our state and are essential to a complete education that contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, our public schools are charged with the education and development of well-rounded students;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 14 – 20, 2025, as “**ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
**JOSH STEIN**  
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.