



EL PASO COUNTY
STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



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 wellbeing of young people in a community by self-awareness, self-efficacy, self-management and perseverance, social awareness and 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 supports 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, and community engagement; and to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a 21st century workforce such as communicating through words, images, sounds, and movement; and

Whereas reduced funding, inequitable access to digital technology, and suspension of arts-based curriculum and programs are leading to reduced access to and participation in arts education for El Paso, Texas students; and

Whereas the arts are an integral part of life in the United States and El Paso, Texas and are an integral part of a complete education which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities and the Nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that the week of September 11 -17, 2022, shall be known as:

EPCC ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

SIGNED, this 12th day of September 2022

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner David Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Carl Robinson, Pct. 4

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge