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Whereas, the Arts Access Fund, funded by Portlanders through the Arts Tax, has been guaranteeing access to an arts education for every public elementary student in Portland since the 2013-14 school year; and

Whereas, the Arts Access Fund provides access to an arts education for 30,000 elementary school students each school year; and

Whereas, arts education, including music, visual arts, dance, theater, and media, is an integral part of a well-rounded education. Arts education increases student and family school engagement, promotes community connection, and increases school attendance; and

Whereas, arts are central to the human experience and access in the elementary years allows for more equitable participation in middle and high school; and

Whereas, arts education allows students varied ways to develop and express their understanding of the world; and

Whereas, the future of Portland's ingenuity depends on our City's children developing their own creativity through access to arts education; and

Whereas, access to arts education is often reduced during times of budget constraint and must be protected by the community; and

Whereas, National Arts in Education Week is a national celebration recognizing the transformative power of the arts in education and designated by Congress in 2010 through House Resolution 275.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim September 8-14, 2024, to be the

Arts in Education Week

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this week.

TED WHEELER