



**Signature Report**

**May 4, 2009**

**Motion 12968**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0258.1

**Sponsors** Phillips, Hague, Constantine,  
Ferguson, von Reichbauer,  
Patterson, Lambert and Gossett

1                   A MOTION recognizing May 2009 as Arts Education  
2                   Month.

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4                   WHEREAS, King County comprises eighteen school districts, more than seven  
5 hundred twenty-two schools and more than three hundred thousand students, and

6                   WHEREAS, King County invests in arts and heritage education through 4Culture,  
7 a public development corporation chartered by King County government to promote arts  
8 and heritage programs for all King County residents and visitors, and

9                   WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre and visual arts, are defined  
10 as a core content area in Washington state's definition of basic education and are  
11 considered an essential component of the complete education that should be provided for  
12 all students, and

13                   WHEREAS, learning in and through the arts enables students to develop critical  
14 thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative  
15 ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas and cross-cultural understanding,  
16 supporting academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the  
17 classroom, and

18           WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical  
19 capacities needed for success in life in the 21st century, and students learn these skills  
20 through meaningful learning in the arts, and

21           WHEREAS, we applaud the efforts and dedication of educators and advocates  
22 around the state, and we call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden  
23 and strengthen their arts education focus in order to ensure equity of access to arts  
24 learning for all students;

25           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

26           A. The King County council reaffirms the importance of the arts as an essential  
27 part of a complete education for all students.

28           B. May 2009 is recognized as Arts Education Month in King County.

29           C. All communities are encouraged to celebrate the arts with meaningful  
30 activities and programs for students, teachers and the public that demonstrate learning  
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32 and understanding in the arts, and all citizens are urged to become interested in and give  
33 full support to quality school arts programs for children and youth.

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Motion 12968 was introduced on 4/13/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/4/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

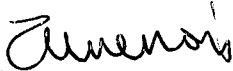
Excused: 2 - Mr. Constantine and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council.

**Attachments**      None