

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8611**

By Senators Winsley, Constantine, Spanel, Haugen, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, Fraser, Costa, Sheldon, B and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, the arts work for Washington as they contribute to the state's economy, help students achieve and are fundamental to the quality of life Washington residents treasure;

WHEREAS, the arts industry throughout Washington State generates \$559 million in business activity, \$27 million in sales and business and occupation taxes, and \$220 million in patron spending each year;

WHEREAS, arts education has a significant, measurable and positive impact on student test scores, attendance, self-confidence and workforce skills;

WHEREAS, the arts attract tourists and enhance neighborhoods, entertain us, inspire us, expand our imaginations and contribute to our quality of life;

WHEREAS, more than one-thousand citizens have invested in a strategic plan that lays out the steps to ensure that our cultural heritage remains strong; and

WHEREAS, forty years ago, Governor Albert Rosellini and the 1961 Legislature established the Washington State Arts Commission, recognizing the arts as essential to the social, educational and economic growth of the state of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor the arts and artists in Washington State, and affirm that the arts continue to work for Washington.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8611,
adopted by the Senate February 9, 2001.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate