HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4614, by Representatives Skinner, Eickmeyer, Shabro, Linville, Morris, Chandler, Lantz, Priest, Anderson, Lovick, Newhouse, Wallace, Clements, McDonald, Delvin, Bailey, Schual-Berke, Rockefeller, Kessler, Holmquist, Roach, Nixon, Cox, Ahern, Campbell, Schindler, Hankins, Mastin, Mielke, Woods, McMahan, Grant, Boldt, Orcutt, Carrell, Ruderman, Pearson, Ericksen, Talcott, Tom, Kagi, Veloria, Sullivan, Hunter, McIntire, Hudgins, Hunt, Cody, Quall, Edwards, Simpson, Murray and Upthegrove

WHEREAS, The Arts, including quality literary, performing, and visual Arts, nurture the advancement of our culture, offer personal fulfillment, promote mutual understanding, and generate jobs throughout the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Arts play an essential role in maintaining the cultural, social, and economic vitality of the State of Washington and are an essential key to ensuring the future success of cultural tourism and the jobs that are created and enhanced by attracting audiences from across the nation and the world to the Northwest to enjoy and appreciate our Arts; and

WHEREAS, The Arts contribute to the economic development of our state's communities by generating millions of dollars in revenue each year through performances, projects, exhibitions, festivals, Art walks, craft fairs, and concerts; and

WHEREAS, The Arts industry informs and educates the public about the Arts as a vital component of Washington State's well-being, and encourages artistic and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, The Governor has proclaimed February 11, 2003, as ARTS DAY 2003;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor the Arts, Artists, Arts educators, and Arts agencies, facilities, organizations, and institutions of this state, for the cultural, social, and economic benefits they bring to the State of Washington and encourage all our citizens to join in celebrating the vitality and contributions of the Arts throughout our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Washington State Arts Commission on behalf of all the Artists, Arts educators, and Arts agencies, facilities, organizations, and institutions of this state.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4614 adopted by the House of Representatives February 11, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk