

**CASTRO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #31-09/10
DECLARING MARCH TO BE ARTS EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, Arts Education, which includes dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of their minds;

WHEREAS, through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, thinking skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding;

WHEREAS, experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life, and the arts are collectively a most important repository of culture;

WHEREAS, many national and state professional education associations hold celebrations in the month of March focused on students' participation in the arts:

WHEREAS, these celebrations give California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to California students, and to enhance public support for this important part of our curriculum, and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education states in its Arts Education Policy adopted in July 1989 that each student should receive a high quality, comprehensive arts education program based on the adopted Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Castro Valley Unified School District joins with the State Board of Education declaring March 2010 to be Arts Education Month, and encourages all schools to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Castro Valley Unified School District, the County of Alameda, State of California, on February 25, 2010 by the following vote:

	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
John J. Barbieri	_____	_____	_____	_____
Janice Friesen	_____	_____	_____	_____
George Granger	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jo A. S. Loss	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kunio Okui	_____	_____	_____	_____

George Granger – VICE-PRESIDENT/CLERK
Board of Education, Castro Valley Unified School District
County of Alameda, State of California