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*PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pittsboro recognizes that arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential component of a complete and balanced education for all students; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express ideas, and cross-cultural understanding which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education builds a school environment of high expectation, discipline, and academic rigor, strengthens student problem-solving and critical thinking skills and provides another opportunity for family, community, and business involvement with schools; and

**WHEREAS**, where schools and communities are delivering high-quality learning opportunities in, through, and about the arts for children, extraordinary results occur; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that eighth graders from under resourced environments who are highly involved in the arts have better grades, less likelihood of dropping out by grade ten, have more positive attitudes about school, are more likely to go onto college, and show more civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, attracting and retaining the best teachers is vital and can be achieved by ensuring schools embrace the arts, becoming havens for creativity and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, to succeed in today's economy, our students must masterfully use words, images, sounds, and movement to communicate;

**WHEREAS**, as the Nation works to strengthen its foothold in the 21st century global economy the arts equip students with a creative, competitive edge; and

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**WHEREAS**, art is integral to the lives of many United States citizens and can improve the vitality of our community and the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the week beginning on the second Sunday of September has been Designated National Arts in Education Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William G. Terry, Mayor, do hereby designate September 7–13, 2014 as:

**ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK IN THE TOWN OF PITTSBORO**

and urge all citizens to celebrate and join in the special recognition of the value of arts education in our community.

This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

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William G. Terry, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Alice F. Lloyd, CMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk