

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Florida Tax Collectors' Kids Tag Art Program was founded in 2006 by the Tax Collector's Office in Polk County and is a program designed to showcase the artistic talents of public, charter, and private school fifth graders while generating funds to support classroom arts education in schools; and

WHEREAS, it has been proven that arts experiences boost creative problem solving and critical thinking skills in students and raise student awareness of different people, places, and ideas to help them appreciate the differences in the world; and

WHEREAS, through the Kids Tag Art Program, the Florida Tax Collectors partnered with local school districts to facilitate over 25,000 annual student participants in the creation of unique specialty tag designs and recognized the students' work through an awards program providing top honors for the license plate art from each school; and

WHEREAS, the Kids Tag Art Program engages the local community as judges and sponsors for the awards program, allows friends and family members to donate to their child's art program by purchasing the unique tags, and recognizes the students' creative self-expression through public display of their work; and

WHEREAS, the Kids Tag Art program has received generous financial support from local business leaders who recognize the fundamental impact that arts education has in fostering creative, problem-solving skills; and

WHEREAS, the Kids Tag Art Program is now in its twelfth year and includes fifteen participating counties including Polk, Charlotte, Putnam, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Columbia, Lee, Escambia, Highlands, Nassau, Marion, Franklin, Orange, St. Lucie, and Pinellas County and has more than a dozen additional counties in the startup stage; and

WHEREAS, the Kids Tag Art program was adopted by the Florida Tax Collectors as their statewide philanthropy to spotlight classroom arts education and the program won the 2018 State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs' Diversity and Inclusion award; and

WHEREAS, to date the Florida Tax Collectors' Kids Tag Art Program has partnered with over 300 schools, positively impacted over 165,000 young student artists in the creation of their unique tag designs, and has raised more than \$1,000,000 in supplemental funding for classroom arts education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida congratulate the Florida Tax Collectors' Kids Tag Art Program and do hereby recognize the

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for its dedication to classroom arts education and remind all Floridians to support their local Kids Tag Art programs as a way to raise funds for classroom art supplies, to provide a recognition program for spotlighting artistic and talented students, and to highlight the importance of creative self-expression and innovative problem-solving through arts education.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on the 15th day of May, 2018.



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