

**CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION**

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of (ENTER STATE), there is hereby officially recognized:

**YOUTH ART MONTH**

**WHEREAS:** art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle and secondary students; and

**WHEREAS:** art education develops students’ creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; and

**WHEREAS:** art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities; and

**WHEREAS:** art education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS:** art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and

**WHEREAS:** art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics; and

**WHEREAS:** support should be given to art teachers as they attempt to strengthen art education in their schools and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I (ENTER NAME), do hereby recognize March (YEAR) as YOUTH ART MONTH in our STATE OF (ENTER STATE), and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.