

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students in the following ways:

- Art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;
- Art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities;
- Art education gives understanding of multicultural values and beliefs;
- Art education reinforces and brings to life the subjects students learn in other classes;
- Art education interconnects student learning in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS: These benefits of art education form the basis of "World Class Standards" developed by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Arts; and

WHEREAS: Our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including art experiences in all students' education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 2015, as

YOUTH ART MONTH

in the State of Arkansas, and I urge all my fellow citizens to take interest in and give full support to high-quality school art programs for children and youth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of March, in the year of our Lord 2015.



ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR



Attest:



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE