

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

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, 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 2016, as

YOUTH ART MONTH IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2016.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State