# 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 school students, including creative problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities; and

WHEREAS: Art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities, as well as an understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS: Teaching art reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects and interrelates 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 2018 as

YOUTH ART MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to support art teachers as they attempt to strengthen art education in schools and communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 19th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State