

**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 2019, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2019.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State