



*WHEREAS, the study of art leads to a fuller, more meaningful life; and,*

*WHEREAS, art education provides substantial educational benefits to all elementary, middle and secondary students; and,*

*WHEREAS, art education develops students' creative potential and improves problem-solving and critical thinking skills by reinforcing and bringing to life what students learn in other subjects; and,*

*WHEREAS, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other expressive qualities, and also gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and,*

*WHEREAS, art education advances student mastery in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics; and,*

*WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education; and,*

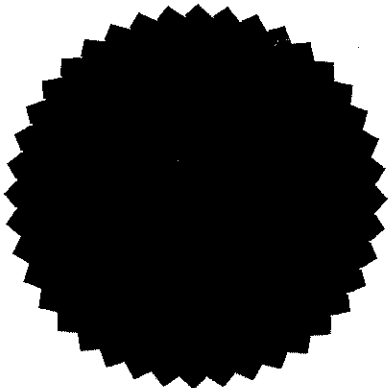
*WHEREAS, the National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Illinois Art Education Association strives to improve the wellbeing of our communities by expanding visual awareness of the cultural strengths of Illinois and the United States as a whole; and,*

*WHEREAS, the residents of Illinois have joined the National Art Education Association and the Illinois Art Education Association in supporting the youth of our community in their intellectual development through artistic endeavors, and offering support to our committed art teachers;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as **YOUTH ART MONTH** in Illinois, and urge all citizens to give their full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
NINETEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and FIRST.*



*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR