



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 art experiences in all students' education; and,

WHEREAS, the National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Illinois Art Education Association strives to improve the well being of our communities by upgrading 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 Foundation 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 2020 as **Youth Art Month**, and all residents are urged to give their full support to quality school arts programs for our 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-FOUR day of FEBRUARY, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

TWENTY, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and SECOND.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR