

State of Maine



**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; 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**, the National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Maine Art Education Association, strives to improve the well-being of our communities by upgrading visual awareness of the cultural strengths of Maine and the United States as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Maine have joined the National Art Education Association and the Maine 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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

**Youth Art Month**

in Maine, and I endorse the observance of Youth Art Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of art education and encourage teachers, students, and all citizens to participate.



In testimony whereof, I have caused  
the Great Seal of the State to be  
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my  
hand at Augusta this twenty-seventh day of  
February Two Thousand Nineteen

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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