

WHEREAS, historically, the State of Maine has been a leader in supporting the Arts in public education; and

WHEREAS, the Arts are an essential component of a basic education and are one of the core subjects as designated by the Maine State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Arts include Music, Visual Art, Theatre, and Dance; and

**WHEREAS,** Arts Education reaches different types of learners and fosters students' creativity and self-expression by developing self-discipline, cross-cultural understanding, artistic expression, teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills required for success in school, college, and the 21st century workforce; and

**WHEREAS,** Maine Arts Educators are committed to developing and maintaining comprehensive, sequential Arts curricula and programming that follow the highest local, state, and national standards;

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

## **Arts Education and Advocacy Month**

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

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

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State TRUE ATTESTED COPY

