

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

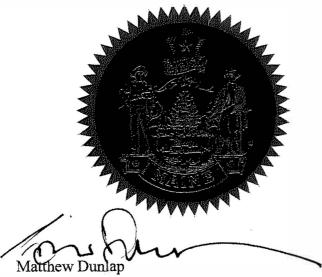
WHEREAS, the National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Maine Art Education Association, strives to improve the well-being of our communities by upgrading visual awareness of the cultural strengths of Maine and the United States as a whole; and

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.



Secretary of State TRUE ATTESTED COPY

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