



YOUTH ART MONTH™

The Power of Art

YOUTH ART MONTH 2017 ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students including the following:

- * art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;*
- * art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities;*
- * art education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs;*
- * art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and*
- * art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics.*

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

AND WHEREAS MARCH is officially recognized as YOUTH ART MONTH, I endorse the observance of Youth Art Month and encourage the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE I _____

Date _____

Position _____

do hereby endorse March 2017 as

YOUTH ART MONTH