

## YOUTH ART MONTH 2017 PROCLAMATION

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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that support should be given to art teachers as they attempt to strengthen art education in their schools and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is proclaimed that March be observed as YOUTH ART MONTH.

All citizens are urged to take interest in and give full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I	,
Mayor of the Township of _	, county of,

State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

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