



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; and

WHEREAS, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities; and

WHEREAS, art education gives a deeper understanding of multicultural traditions, values, and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and

WHEREAS, art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, these benefits of art education form the basis of "World Class Standards" developed by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Arts; and

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

WHEREAS, support should be given to art teachers as they attempt to strengthen art education in their schools and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2013 as

Youth Art Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-eighth day of February, 2013.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, the Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Hargett, the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State

