



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**, 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, 2014 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-third day of January, 2014.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Wiegatt*

Secretary of State