

## STATE OF TENNESSEE

## PROCLAMATION

## BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, art education is a viable academic endeavor and contributes 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 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, 2016 as

Youth Firt 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 eighth day of February, 2016.

Governor

Secretary of State

