## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, art education provides substantial educational benefits to all

elementary, middle and high school students; and

WHEREAS, art education develops students' creative potential and improves

problem-solving and critical thinking skills by reinforcing and

bringing to life what students learn in other subjects; and

WHEREAS, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other

expressive qualities, and gives students a deeper understanding of

multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, art education advances student mastery in art production, art

history, art criticism and aesthetics; and

**WHEREAS**, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including

art experiences in all students' education; and

WHEREAS, the National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the

Vermont Art Teacher's Association strives to improve the wellbeing of our communities by upgrading visual awareness of the cultural strengths of Vermont and the United States as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** the residents of Vermont have joined the National Art Education

Association and the Vermont Art Teacher's Association in supporting the youth of our community in their intellectual development through artistic endeavors, and offering support to our

committed art teachers.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

## YOUTH ART MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of March, A.D. 2018

Philip B. Scott

Governor

Brittney L. Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs