

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

YOUTH ART MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month is an annual celebration that recognizes the value of visual art education in a student's overall success and encourages support for quality art programs in our schools; and

WHEREAS, experience in the visual arts cultivates valuable skills, such as imagination, creative expression, effective collaboration, innovation, resourcefulness, and adaptability, that are not the focus of other subjects in the K-12 curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 - 2023 theme for Youth Art Month is *Your Art, Your Voice*; and

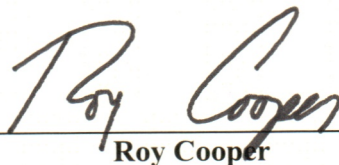
WHEREAS, in support of Youth Art Month, each state coordinates a contest in which students design a flag based on the annual theme; the winning designs are made into flags, which are displayed and recognized at the National Art Education Association Convention; and

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month aims to increase community understanding and interest in art and art education through involvement in art exhibits, workshops, and other creative ventures; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends all those who advocate for youth art and educators throughout our state and encourages people to support art programs in our schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2023, as **"YOUTH ART MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.