

WHEREAS; from preschool to elementary school to high school and beyond, art education is an important part of any academic curriculum and provides significant educational benefits to all students; and

WHEREAS; art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities, teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities, and gives students a deeper understanding of, and appreciation for, all people and cultures; and

WHEREAS; art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects, and ultimately fosters their development into citizens of a diverse and multicultural global society; and

WHEREAS; throughout this past year, Wisconsin's art educators and students have demonstrated incredible resilience, going above and beyond to promote and pursue art education, despite the unique challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; this past year has also served as a reminder of the power of art to bring us together, even when we may be physically apart, embodied by the 2020-2021 Youth Art Month theme, "Art Connects Us"; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins families, school districts, and communities across our state in recognizing the tremendous achievements of our state's art students and educators, and in supporting quality art programs in our schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

YOUTH ART MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17th day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State