



Dear

On behalf of _____ and those who advocate for art education to all elementary, middle and secondary students, please consider writing a proclamation recognizing March as Youth Art Month in the state of _____.

Youth Art Month is an annual celebration supported through the Council for Art Education to emphasize the value of art education and encourage support for quality school art programs. It provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are fostered through experience in the visual arts that are not possible in other subjects in the curriculum.

While Youth Art Month supports many purposes, it exists primarily to

- Direct attention to the value of art education
- Encourage commitment to the arts by students, community organizations, and individuals
- Increase community understanding and interest in art and art education through involvement in art exhibits, workshops, and other creative ventures
- Increase community, business and governmental support for art education
- Recognize art education as a viable component in the total education curricula that develops citizens of a global society

A variety of activities across the country at the local and state level support Youth Art Month, including a student flag design program supporting the annual theme. The winning design for the state is made into a flag, and the flag is displayed and recognized at the National Art Education Association Conference in March.

Please join us in our efforts to spotlight art education by issuing a _____, recognizing Youth Art Month. By making Youth Art Month an official celebration in _____, you will be joining other _____ who are committed to the same effort.

I've enclosed additional information and a sample proclamation. I am happy to assist with any additional information you may require.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing from your office in the near future.

Sincerely,

