



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, Ohio has a solid history of high-quality arts education programs in its pre-K through grade 12 schools; and

WHEREAS, arts education includes dance, drama/theatre, literary arts, media arts, music, visual arts, and writing; and

WHEREAS, among Ohio students, 83% are enrolled in an arts class; and

WHEREAS, studies show that daily learning experiences in high-quality arts education develops creativity; builds cognitive, motor, and problem-solving skills; maximizes academic performance and college readiness across all subjects; and teaches students about culture; and

WHEREAS, to encourage student creativity at home, parents are urged to display student artwork and to observe and discuss art in everyday life; and

WHEREAS, at the state level, the Ohio Arts Council funds and supports arts experiences in Ohio communities and works with partners, such as the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education, schools, and state agencies to ensure that arts are an integral part of education; and

WHEREAS, arts education teachers are licensed educators contributing to the complete education of Ohio's children; and

WHEREAS, throughout March, teachers of the arts are asked to connect with others outside their classroom to advocate for their arts programs, and Ohioans are encouraged to recognize and enjoy the contribution and talents of student artists throughout the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine and Jon Husted*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize

ARTS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS MONTH

on this 1st day of March 2023.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor