



Proclamation
Presented to

Hawai'i Art Education Association

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Art Education Association (HAEA), a non-profit educational organization, was established in 1972 as an affiliate of the National Art Education Association (NAEA) to advocate the importance of art education to all elementary, middle and secondary students in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, HAEA is comprised of elementary, middle, and secondary art teachers from both public and private schools throughout the state, college and university professors, university students preparing to become art educators and art museum educators; and

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month is an annual program celebrated in all 50 states, coordinated by the Council for Art Education at the national level, that celebrates the visual arts and highlights the positive influences of art education not found in standard core curriculum subjects; and

WHEREAS, the primary event of Youth Art Month (YAM) is the State Flag Program, a flag design contest that makes the winning design into a flag for display in the Youth Art Month Museum at the National Art Education Association Convention; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for YAM this year is "United Through Art," an initiative linking more than 800,000 K-12 students and over 200 art educators all across America; and

WHEREAS, the YAM program encourages students to explore their creativity, improve problem-solving and critical thinking skills, see and understand the beauty and the world around them, and experience a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values through art; and

WHEREAS, HAEA will hold its 13th Annual Youth Art Month Exhibition from April 3-May 13, 2017 at the Hawai'i State Capitol building with artwork from all islands on display as well as the Hawai'i winning flag;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

"YOUTH ART MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value and importance of art education in our schools and encourage our keiki to develop their creative potential.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this first day of March 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i