



Proclamation

WHEREAS, confidence, focus, dedication and accountability are just a few of the many benefits that children gain because of art education; and

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month (YAM) provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are fostered through experiences in the visual arts, increases community understanding and interest in art, and highlights the positive influences of art education; and

WHEREAS, a primary YAM event 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 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, the Hawai'i Art Education Association (HAEA) was established in 1972 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, HAEA will open its 15th Annual Youth Art Month Exhibit on Saturday, April 20, 2019, 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, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2019 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 Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of February 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i