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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students; and

Whereas, art education develops students' creative problem solving and critical thinking abilities; and

Whereas, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities; and

Whereas, art education gives students deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

Whereas, art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and

Whereas, art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics; and

Whereas, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education and that support should be given to art teachers as they attempt to strengthen art education in their schools and communities;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2013 as

"Youth Arts Month"

in the State of Oklahoma and urge all citizens to take interest in and give full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

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Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 4th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

ATTEST:

Michelle R. Day
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR