

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, art education contributes to and complements the total educational experience of Oklahoma's elementary, middle, and secondary students; and

Whereas, art education aids in the development of students' creative problem solving and critical thinking abilities; and

Whereas, art education helps students appreciate beauty and order and encourages creative expression; and

Whereas, through art education, students develop a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and

Whereas, art education reinforces and enhances what students learn in other subjects and interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics; and

Whereas, national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including art programs in all students' education;

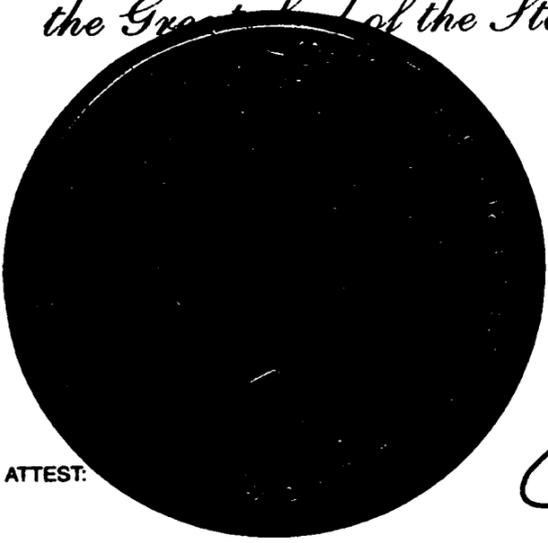
Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2015, as

### "Youth Arts Month"

in the state of Oklahoma and urge all citizens to take interest in and give support to quality school art programs for our state's youth.

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

*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.*



ATTEST:

*Ch. Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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