

YOUTH ART MONTH

WHEREAS: The study of art contributes to an understanding of our culture and history and offers respite to our minds and souls; and

WHEREAS: Since the training and visual acuity gained through the art experience opens new worlds to art educators, students and patrons alike, it is important to expose our children and youth to art and art experiences; and

WHEREAS: Art education is a valuable contribution to the total education experience of Georgia's children. The society our youth will be entering and shaping will require both physical and philosophical vision, which can be enhanced by an appreciation of the arts, from visual and performing to literary and folk; and

WHEREAS: The National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Georgia Art Education Association, is striving to better the human condition by upgrading visual awareness and the cultural strength of Georgia and the nation as a whole; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of March 2003 as YOUTH ART MONTH in Georgia and encourage our citizens to support and instill an appreciation of the arts in our youth.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.