



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, March has been designated as *Dance in Our Schools Month* by the National Dance Education Organization, as *Music in our Schools Month* by the National Association for Music Education, as *Theatre in Our Schools Month* by the National Theatre Association, and as *Youth Art Month* by the Council for Art Education; and

WHEREAS, arts education in North Carolina schools includes four separate and distinct disciplines: dance, music, theatre arts, and visual arts - each with its own body of knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, the arts have been an important aspect of our lives from the very beginning and are an inseparable part of the human journey, describing, defining, and deepening the human experience; and

WHEREAS, the arts are everywhere in our lives, adding depth and dimension to the environment we live in, and shaping our experiences daily; and

WHEREAS, all students participating in arts education courses benefit from the skills and processes developed through the arts and apply those skills in a variety of disciplines and settings no matter their intended career path; and

WHEREAS, arts education contributes to students' development through heightened skills in listening, understanding human experiences, creative problem solving, adapting to and respecting others' diverse ways of thinking, communicating effectively, reading, self-expression, imagination, and recreational creativity; and

WHEREAS, arts education ignites and engages learners on a personal level and can enhance social and emotional morale by helping students develop self-confidence, boost self-reliance, and increase empathy and compassion towards one's self and others; and

WHEREAS, arts education is recognized by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as essential for all students as part of a well-rounded education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2024, as "**ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.