



**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
MARCH AS YOUTH ART MONTH**

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 give students a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; 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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that support should be given towards art teachers as they strengthen art education in their schools and communities and I, Deanna R. Reed, Mayor, of the city of Harrisonburg, do hereby proclaim March 2026 be observed as Youth Art Month and I urge all citizens to take interest in and give full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.

GIVEN under my hand this 10th day of March, 2026.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk