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**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 2024 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk