A Proclamation

Whereas, Historically, Massachusetts has been a leader in supporting arts education in public education; and

Whereas, The arts are an essential component of a basic education and are one of the six core subjects as designated in the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993; and

Whereas, The arts include dance, music, theatre, visual arts, literary arts and media; and

Whereas, Arts education reaches different types of learners and fosters students' creativity, self-expression, skills within an art form and artistic literacy; and

Whereas, Arts education helps students to develop self-discipline, cross-cultural understanding, artistic expression, teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving skills required for success in school, college and the 21st century workforce; and

Whereas, Massachusetts arts educators, artists and arts community professionals are committed to developing and maintaining comprehensive, sequential arts curriculum and programming that follow the highest local, state and national standards; and

Whereas, The Massachusetts Cultural Council and Arts/Learning calls on arts educators and communities to publicize exhibits, concerts, performances and events that focus attention on the importance of arts education,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 2019, to be,

YOUTH ARTS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-sixth of February, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

By His Excellency

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CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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WILLIAM FRANCIS/GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts