



**WHEREAS**, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students; and

**WHEREAS**, these benefits include developing students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; teaching sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities; giving students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; reinforcing and bringing to life what students learn in other subjects; and interrelating 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

**WHEREAS**, support should be given to art teachers as they attempt to strengthen art education in their schools and communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim and recognize that March be observed as **Youth Art Month**, and urge all citizens to take interest in and give full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.

DATED: March 6, 2017

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Ed Seely  
Mayor

ATTEST:

