



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, arts education, which includes dance, music, theatre, as well as visual and media arts, sets young people up for success and is an essential part of a comprehensive education for all students to prepare for college, careers and life; and

WHEREAS, arts and creativity strengthen education, keep children in school and close the achievement gap by improving students test scores and language and reasoning skills; and

WHEREAS, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, creativity and imagination, collaboration and communication skills, confidence and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, participation in arts promotes hard work and discipline and helps young people learn the values of practice, patience and persistence; and

WHEREAS, arts education adds the crucial ingredient of creativity to STEAM education and arts-rich educational approaches help prepare an innovative, globally competitive workforce ready to take on challenges and seize opportunities; and

WHEREAS, efforts to expand and strengthen arts education should be embraced so that all Alabama students have the opportunity to gain essential skills through arts education that help them succeed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2024,
as

Arts Education Month

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 14th day of March 2024.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor