



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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

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

WHEREAS, arts and creativity strengthen education and close the achievement gap by improving language and reasoning skills for students from communities impacted by disparities; and

WHEREAS, to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a 21st century workforce, such as communicating through words, images, sounds and movement; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that particular groups of students experience significant barriers to access, participation and success in arts education. These barriers are directly linked to historical, persistent and pervasive inequalities in our educational system; and

WHEREAS, every student in Alabama has the right to have access to a high-quality public arts education without distinction on account of race, culture, language, religion, national origin, geographical location or legal status:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2026,
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 19th day of March 2026.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor