


Executive Department
of Iowa

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arts education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students, including:

- arts education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities
- arts education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other expressive qualities;
- arts education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs;
- arts education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects;
- arts education interrelates student learning in such essential skills as collaboration and innovation, assisting real-life and work readiness; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education for the "whole child"; and

WHEREAS, March is officially recognized as National Youth Art Month;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim March 2011, as

IOWA ARTS EDUCATION MONTH


and encourage the support of quality school arts programs for our children and youth.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE
OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES
MOINES THIS 24 DAY OF MARCH IN THE
YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND
ELEVEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


MATTHEW SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE