



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **Hawai'i Art Education Association**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Art Education Association (HAEA) is a professional community of K-12 educators and administrators, college and university professors, students studying art education, artists, museum educators and others interested in ensuring art education is taught to every child in Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, HAEA, in conjunction with the Council for Art Education, strives to improve the well-being of our communities by upgrading visual awareness of the cultural strengths of Hawai'i and the United States as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, art education provides substantial educational benefits to all elementary, middle and secondary students, helping them to develop their creative potential, promote self-directed learning, and improve problem-solving, critical thinking, observation and communication skills; and

**WHEREAS**, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other expressive qualities; gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and leads to a fuller development of better quality of life for all; and

**WHEREAS**, art is an international medium that connects people, embraces diversity; and art education advances student mastery in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics, and prepares students to be citizens of a global society; and

**WHEREAS**, youth art exhibits celebrate visual art education and recognizes the skills of local students; and

**WHEREAS**, HAEA will hold its annual Youth Art Month exhibition at the Hawai'i State Capitol building with artwork from all islands on display;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2018 as**

## **"YOUTH ART MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting quality school arts programs, dedicated art teachers, and the youth of our community in their intellectual development through artistic endeavors.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of March 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i