## City of Rochester



WHEREAS, the study of art leads to a fuller, more meaningful life; and

WHEREAS, art education provides substantial educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students by developing students' creative potential and improves problem-solving and critical thinking skills by reinforcing and bringing to life what students learn in other subjects; and

WHEREAS, art education advances student mastery in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics and teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other expressive qualities, and also gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including art experiences in all students' education; and

WHEREAS, the National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Art Educators of Minnesota, strives to improve the well-being of our communities by upgrading visual awareness of the cultural strengths of Rochester, Minnesota and the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Minnesota have joined the National Art Education Association and the Art Educators of Minnesota in supporting the youth of our community in their intellectual development through artistic endeavors, and offering support to our committed art teachers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

## Youth Art Month

in Rochester, Minnesota and residents are urged to give their full support to quality school arts programs for our youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 22nd day of March, 2022.	
	Kim Norton, Mayor City of Rochester, Minnesota