

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 535

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A RESOLUTION to designate March 2014, as "Youth Art Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; and

WHEREAS, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities; and

WHEREAS, art education gives a deeper understanding of multicultural traditions, values, and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and

WHEREAS, art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, these benefits of art education form the basis of "World Class Standards" developed by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Arts; and

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

WHEREAS, support should be given to art teachers as they attempt to strengthen art education in their schools and communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate March 2014, as "Youth Art Month" in Tennessee and

urge all citizens to take interest in and give full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.