

# **YOUTH ART MONTH PROCLAMATION**

***A Proclamation Declaring March 2012 as Youth Art Month***

***Office of the Mayor of Westfield, IN***

***To all whom these presents may come, Greetings:***

***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 students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural 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, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education.***

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that support should be given to art teachers as they attempt to strengthen art education in their schools and communities.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Cook, Mayor of the City of Westfield, do hereby proclaim March 2012 as YOUTH ART MONTH.***

***All citizens are urged to take interest in and give full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.***

***IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Westfield, IN to be affixed on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012 .***

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J. Andrew Cook, Mayor  
City of Westfield, Indiana