

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2013 as Youth Art Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those programs and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of young people and their futures; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2013 as Youth Art Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Youth Art Month; and

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs; it was created in 1961 by the Art and Creative Materials Institute, a non-profit association of art and craft materials manufacturers, in cooperation with the National Art Education Association; and

WHEREAS, The nationwide celebration is entering its 52nd year in 2013, and New York State is in its fourth year of official sanction with support by the New York State Art Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle and secondary school students; it also develops a child's creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; and

WHEREAS, Art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities by giving students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; it also reinforces and enhances what students learn in other subjects; and

WHEREAS, These benefits of art education form the basis of "World Class Standards" developed by the United States Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the importance of art in education as being necessary for full development of all children, challenging the intellect while teaching lessons about order, proportion and genius; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2013 as Youth Art Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York and the New York State Art Teachers Association.