

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING the Herkimer County Art Circles upon the occasion of celebrating Youth Art Month in Herkimer County, in conjunction with the observance of National Youth Art Month

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those organizations and individuals whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the cultural enrichment and entertainment of their community and the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Herkimer County Art Circles upon the occasion of celebrating Youth Art Month in Herkimer County, in conjunction with the observance of National Youth Art Month; and

WHEREAS, The Herkimer County Art Circles is a professional development group of educators who diligently work to convey the importance of the visual arts in a student's comprehensive education; and

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children, encourage support for quality school art programs, and promote art material safety; and

WHEREAS, Created in 1961 by the Art and Creative Materials Institute (ACMI), Youth Art Month is a nonprofit association of art and craft materials manufacturers, in cooperation with the National Art Education Association (NAEA); and

WHEREAS, Art education contributes viable education benefits to all elementary and secondary students including: developing students' creative problem-solving and critical abilities; teaching sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities; providing students with a stronger understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and interrelating 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 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 commend the Herkimer County Art Circles upon the occasion of celebrating Youth Art Month in Herkimer County, in conjunction with the observance

of National Youth Art Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Herkimer County Art Circles.