



## *YOUTH ART MONTH 2023*

**WHEREAS**, art education gives powerful educational benefits to all students; and

**WHEREAS**, art education develops creative problem solving, critical thinking, and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and

**WHEREAS**, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and an understanding of world cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Youth Art Month, Greeley/Evans Art Educators from Kindergarten to College have partnered with the Greeley Creative District, the City of Greeley, the Downtown Development Authority, and area businesses to display student artwork at various businesses located from the UNC campus to Downtown during the month of March; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, family, community members and other artists are encouraged to participate in First Friday receptions on March 3rd throughout this art corridor to view this impressive body of artwork and performances to support these young artists as guided by their art educators; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greeley Art Commission also commemorates this month by distributing a custom coloring book with illustrations representing the City's Public Art Collection, and

**WHEREAS**, March is observed throughout the nation as Youth Art Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John D. Gates, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 2023, as Youth Art Month in the City of Greeley and urge all citizens to support quality school art programs for our children and our youth.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Gates", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "John D. Gates" and the title "Mayor" are printed in a serif font.

John D. Gates  
Mayor