



## ***YOUTH ART MONTH 2022***

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

**WHEREAS**, art education develops creative problem solving and critical thinking; and

**WHEREAS**, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty and order; and

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

**WHEREAS**, art education gives understanding of world cultures; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Greeley Arts Legacy, a community organized nonprofit, recognizes individuals and organizations from the establishment of the Union Colony through present day for their substantial lifetime contributions to the quality of life in Greeley; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greeley Creative District was established in 2012 and continues to highlight the community's distinctive creative identity and increase its economic vitality by uplifting, encouraging, incubating, promoting, and developing the arts and creative businesses in the Greeley community; 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.

**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, 2022, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

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John D. Gates  
Mayor