



PROCLAMATION
Youth Art Month
March 2024

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 art programs for all elementary, middle and secondary students sponsored by the National Art Education Association; and

WHEREAS, the recommended theme for the 2023/2024 school year arts programs is “Dream in Art”; and

WHEREAS, art education develops students’ creative potential and improves problem-solving and critical thinking skills by reinforcing and bringing to life what students learn in other subjects; and

WHEREAS, art education advances student mastery in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including art’s experiences in all students’ education; and

WHEREAS, the National Art Education Association strives to improve the well-being of our communities by upgrading visual awareness of the cultural strengths of the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mead Board of Trustees joins the National Art Education Association in supporting the youth of our community in their intellectual development through artistic endeavors and offering support to our committed teachers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Colleen Whitlow, Mayor**, of the Town of Mead, do hereby proclaim March 2024, as **Youth Art Month** and encourage all residents to nourish an appreciation for art and support quality school arts programs for our youth.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Town of Mead, Colorado
On this 26th day of February 2024

Colleen G. Whitlow
Mayor