

**CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION #17/18-27**

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 2018 AS YOUTH ART MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Arts Education, which includes dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts, is an important part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of their minds; and

**WHEREAS**, through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, thinking skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty, and cross-cultural understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life, and the arts are collectively a most important repository of culture; and

**WHEREAS**, many national and state professional education associations hold celebrations in the month of March focused on students' participation in the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, these celebrations give California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to California students, and to enhance public support for this important part of our curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State Board of Education states in its Arts Education Policy adopted in July 1989 that each student should receive a high quality, comprehensive arts education program based on the adopted Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools, kindergarten through grade twelve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Central Unified School District Board of Trustees joins the Fresno County Board of Education and the California State Board of Education in proclaiming and observing the month of March as Youth Art Month and encourages all educational communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts. The theme for the 2017/2018 school year is "Building Community Through Art".

ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

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Mr. Cesar Granda  
President, Board of Trustees

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Mr. Mark G. Sutton  
Superintendent