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Youth Art Month, 1976

Youth Art Month provides a national focus on quality school art programs and on the general importance of art in the educational process. Meaningful art activities give young people a creative outlet for self-expression as well as a heightened sensitivity to life around them.

During this celebration parents and interested adults are encouraged to pay special attention to children's art and to support arts programs for the young.

As we enter the third century of our independence, we look back with pride on the contributions our nation has made to the vitality of the arts in music, painting, sculpture, literature and the performing arts. These contributions must continue and they must be supported in their very earliest stages if we are to further enrich our cultural heritage and the individual self-fulfillment of future generations. In this spirit, I commend those who participate in this worthwhile observance.

Gerald R. Ford

