

**Proclamation**  
**Recognizing Youth Art Month**

**WHEREAS**, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students, including developing students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities and gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, art programs foster self-expression and confidence in young people, allowing them to communicate their thoughts, emotions, and experiences in meaningful ways; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the arts has been linked to improved academic performance, enhanced motor skills, and higher levels of student engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts provide a foundation for lifelong appreciation and enjoyment, encouraging cultural enrichment and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Dunellen, in conjunction with the Dunellen Arts, Inclusion, & Culture Commission, strives to provide and encourage programs that afford the public great opportunities to experience arts and culture in Dunellen.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, and the Dunellen Borough Council recognize March 2026 as Youth Art Month in the Borough of Dunellen and encourage residents to join us in celebrating the arts and how they inspire creativity and support a diverse and inclusive community.



Jason F. Cilento, Mayor  
Borough of Dunellen  
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