

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, for more than 30 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) as *Music in Our Schools Month*® (MIOSM®), encouraging communities across the nation to focus on music education; and

Whereas, music education is part of a well-rounded education for every student as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act; and

Whereas, the purpose of this celebration is to raise awareness of the lasting positive impact of music education on the academic, personal, and professional growth of our students; and

Whereas, music education shapes the way our students understand themselves and the world around them, allowing for a deep engagement with learning; and

Whereas, *Music In Our Schools Month* reminds us that school is where all children should have access to music; and

Whereas, music educators, students and communities throughout West Virginia demonstrate the importance of quality music education programs to the lives of young people; and

Whereas, the state of West Virginia joins our music students, educators, and communities in celebrating the power of music education.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2024* as:


Music In Our Schools Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance to celebrate and acknowledge everyday but especially in March that Music Education is an essential part of every student's well-rounded education.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirty-First day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State