

WHEREAS, the study of music is basic to a complete education, provides a competitive edge for successful educational reform, engages students in individual and group activity, develops creativity, problem-solving, and critical and evaluative skills; and

WHEREAS, music education helps students acquire skills in production and performance of music, as well as an understanding of history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Maine Music Educators Association is concerned with maintaining and improving school music programs for all students regardless of their socio-economic status or their abilities; therefore

WHEREAS, the Governor recognizes and commends the Maine Music Educators Association for its concern for and efforts to enhance the quality of music education in Maine schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

Music In Our Schools Month

in Maine, and I endorse the observance of Music In Our Schools Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education and encourage teachers, students, and all citizens to participate.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-sixth day of February Two Thousand Nineteen

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State

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