



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, March has been designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) as Music In Our Schools Month®, encouraging schools across the nation to focus on music education; and

WHEREAS, Music In Our Schools began with a one-day event in New York in 1973, and has grown into a month-long, international celebration of school music; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this celebration is to raise awareness of the importance of music education, and to remind us that school is where all children should have access to music; and

WHEREAS, Music In Our Schools Month is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community, and to display the benefits that school music provides students of all ages; and

WHEREAS, music education shapes the way our students understand themselves and the world around them, allowing for a deep engagement with learning; the skills nurtured by music education – such as creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking – are vital to students’ academic, personal, and professional success; and

WHEREAS, throughout March, music educators and students across North Carolina will demonstrate the importance of quality music programs to the lives of young people, with concerts featuring songs such as “The Star-Spangled Banner,” “The Old North State,” and “I Love the Mountains”; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins our music students and educators in celebrating the power of music education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2018, as “**MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.