

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Music is a universal language that connects people through its ability to move and inspire, both emotionally and intellectually. As one of the most compelling means of artistic expression by human beings, music has the capacity to profoundly affect us through the medium of sound and its creation, structure, and performance; and

WHEREAS: The study of music is a required subject in the state of Arkansas, based on the artistic processes of creating, performing, responding, and connecting, which encourages students in every aspect of music from playing an instrument and singing to composing original music to expanding their capacity to listen and respond to various types of music; and

WHEREAS: Music education not only benefits students by engaging them in creative and critical thought processes and problem-solving activities, but can also help them discover and develop their own potential, skills, knowledge, and lifelong appreciation of music; and

WHEREAS: Music education is recognized as part of a well-rounded sequential curriculum that includes performance in traditional and emerging ensembles, general coursework, and integrated music opportunities that develop artistic and 21st Century skills beneficial to students and all Arkansans; and

WHEREAS: Music education for all students is denoted in the *Every Student Succeeds Act*, as being required for all students and, in doing so, enhances the advancement of economic growth, good citizenship, and lifelong learning opportunities for all Arkansans; and

WHEREAS: Music in Our Schools Month is a national program to raise awareness of the importance of music education and to remind us that all children should have access to a high quality music education. This annual observance is an excellent opportunity for music teachers to highlight the benefits and results of their music education programs to their schools, to parents, and to their communities; and


WHEREAS: School administrators, teachers, parents, students, and musicians across the nation will emphasize the many significant benefits of music instruction by participating in activities that celebrate Music in Our Schools Month throughout the month of March, and it is fitting that all Arkansans participate in this observance at the national, state, and local levels, further expressing support for music education in schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 2020, as

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOL MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2020.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State