

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education as Music In Our Schools Month®, encouraging communities across the nation to focus on music education; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Music Educators Association has been in existence for 75 years, supporting and promoting quality music education in South Carolina schools and communities; 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 across the Palmetto State demonstrate the importance of quality music education programs to the lives of young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate and acknowledge that music education is an essential part of every student's well-rounded education.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Henry McMaster'.

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA