



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, arts education, including dance, music, theater, and the visual arts, enriches the lives of countless people through arts programs in our schools, and acknowledges the arts as a powerful tool to unlock the potential of the whole child; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education is a critical component of the learning process and develops students' creativity, self-discipline, self-worth, and critical thinking abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that students with more arts education have higher academic achievement across the curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of arts education is recognized as being necessary for the full development of all children; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association for Music Education recognizes March as "Music in Our Schools Month" and promotes opportunities for our communities to engage in the ongoing process of music education;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

*Music In Our Schools Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eighteenth day of February, 2020.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Julie Dugitt*

Secretary of State