



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 2021 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 fifth day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State