



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 2022 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 tenth day of February, 2022.



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Governor



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Secretary of State

