



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, music is a universal language that connects people through its ability to move and inspire us, 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 New York State Learning Standards, based on the artistic processes of Creating, Performing, Responding and Connecting, which encourage 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**, as an important part of a school's instructional Arts program, 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills beneficial to students and all New Yorkers; and

**Whereas**, Music Education for all students is denoted in the "Every Student Succeeds Act" and is firmly supported as such by the New York State Legislative bodies and the New York State Board of Regents as being required for all students and, in so doing, enhances the advancement of economic growth, good citizenship, and lifelong learning opportunities for all New Yorkers; and

**Whereas**, the New York State School Music Association celebrates the theme, "Making the Magic of Music Education Accessible to All" as this philosophy reflects the power and importance of music education in the lives of every student in New York State; and

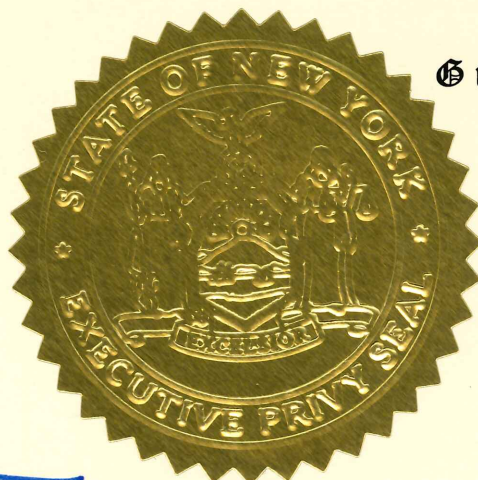
**Whereas**, 2019 marks the 46<sup>th</sup> year of New York State's celebration of *Music in Our Schools Month*, which originated here in our state as *Music in Our Schools Day* on March 14, 1973, and has since expanded, becoming a national program to raise awareness of the importance of music education 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**, the New York State School Music Association – in collaboration with the National Association for Music Education, 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 March, and it is fitting that all New Yorkers participate in this observance at the national, state, and local levels, further expressing our support for music education in schools;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

## MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

in the Empire State.



**Given** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-fifth day of February in the year two thousand nineteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor  
Melissa DeRosa