CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

WHEREAS, in Florida, we encourage all individuals to strongly support quality music education in schools and endorse the concept that all students, kindergarten through 12th grade, should have access to a well-balanced, comprehensive, high-quality, sequential program of music taught by highly qualified teachers; and

WHEREAS, the study of music is essential to a complete education and provides students with opportunities to develop creativity, problem solving, and critical evaluative skills; and

WHEREAS, music education helps students acquire skills in the production and performance of music, and gives them an understanding of history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Music Educators' Association aims to maintain and improve school music programs for all students, regardless of their socio-economic status or abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Music Educators' Association is recognized for its efforts to enhance the quality of music education in Florida schools and do further endorse the observance of "Music in Our Schools Month" as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education – encouraging teachers, parents, students, and all citizens to participate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 2010 as *Music In Our Schools Month*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 15th day of February, in the year two thousand ten.

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