

Proclamation

for

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS / ARTS IN EDUCATION MONTH

2021

WHEREAS, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education for the observance of Music In our Schools Month; and

WHEREAS, "*Music is the Sound of my Heart*" is the 2021 theme of the National Association for Music; and

WHEREAS, St. Lucie Public Schools also celebrates Arts in Education Month; and

WHEREAS, "*Because of Arts Education*" is the 2021 theme for Arts in Education; and

WHEREAS, arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including music, dance, theatre and visual arts, are core academic subjects; and

WHEREAS, the study of music and the other arts is an essential part of a complete and balanced education for all students and provides a competitive edge while engaging students in activities which develop creativity, self-expression, problem-solving, observation, communication, and critical and evaluative skills; and

WHEREAS, music education and the other arts help students acquire skills in production and performance, as well as gives them an understanding of history and culture; and

WHEREAS, music and the other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment and the events surrounding it are the ideal opportunities for increasing awareness of the benefits of high quality music and arts education programs in our nation's schools; and

WHEREAS, music and the other arts programs should be maintained and improved for all students, regardless of their socio-economic status or their abilities; and

WHEREAS, arts education has the power to make students want to learn not just within the arts, but other areas of study,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the School Board of St. Lucie County, endorses the observance of the month of March as

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in St. Lucie County, Florida, as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of a complete arts education, encouraging teachers, parents, students and all citizens to participate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Chairman of the School Board of St. Lucie County and the Superintendent of Schools have hereunto subscribed their names in the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on this 9th day of March 2021.

Ms. Debbie Hawley, Chairperson

E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent