NORTH DAKOTA

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MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) as Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM), encouraging communities across the nation to focus on music education; and

WHEREAS, music education is part of a well-rounded education for every student as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this celebration is to raise awareness of the lasting positive impact of music education on the academic, personal and professional growth of our students; and

WHEREAS, music education shapes the way our students understand themselves and the world around them, allowing for a deep engagement with learning; and

WHEREAS, Music In Our Schools Month reminds us that school is where all children should have access to music; and music educators, students and communities throughout North Dakota demonstrate the importance of quality music education programs to the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Office of the Governor encourages school, community and church bands, orchestras and choirs across North Dakota to apply to serve as the Governor's Official State Band/Orchestra Program and Choral Program every March to bring recognition to the incredible musical talent within our state; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota joins our music students, educators and communities in celebrating the power of music education.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2024, MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

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