

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSIC EDUCATION IN IDAHO SCHOOLS AND RECOGNIZING MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the study of music is basic to a complete education, provides a competitive edge for successful educational reform, engages students in individual and group activity, contributes to young people's development through listening, reading, self-expression and creativity, develops creativity, problem-solving, and critical and evaluative skills; and

WHEREAS, music education helps students acquire skills in production and performance of music, as well as an understanding of history and culture; and

WHEREAS, music education in the schools includes a broad range of types of music and active musical experiences; and

WHEREAS, music and the other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015, which incorporates music among those subjects included in the definition of a "well-rounded education" and articulates that music should be part of every child's education regardless of personal circumstance; and

WHEREAS, Music In Our Schools Month is the National Association for Music Education's annual monthlong celebration held every March since 1985 to engage music educators, students and communities in promoting the benefits of high-quality music education programs in schools; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Music Educators Association is concerned with maintaining and improving school music programs for all students regardless of their socioeconomic status or their abilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we recognize and commend the Idaho Music Educators Association for its concern for and efforts to enhance the quality of music education in Idaho schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby recognize the month of March, 2016, throughout the state as Music In Our Schools Month, and we endorse the observance of Music In Our Schools Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education and encourage teachers, students and all citizens to participate.