

Senate Resolution 1075

By: Senator Halpern of the 39th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 2026 as Music in Our Schools Month; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, the month of March has been nationally recognized as  
3 Music in Our Schools Month, a time to celebrate the role of music education in the academic  
4 and personal development of students; and

5 WHEREAS, music education provides students with opportunities to develop creativity,  
6 discipline, teamwork, and critical thinking while engaging in meaningful individual and  
7 group activities; and

8 WHEREAS, research shows that students who participate in music education demonstrate  
9 improvements in verbal memory, language development, reading ability, and executive  
10 functioning, and learning to play an instrument at a young age can contribute to improved  
11 academic performance later in life; and

12 WHEREAS, schools that offer music programs often experience graduation rates more than  
13 20 percent higher than schools without such programs, and students participating in music  
14 instruction can experience academic improvements of more than 40 percent; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to more than 4,000 music educators and over 45 institutions  
16 with postsecondary programs dedicated to preparing future music teachers, demonstrating  
17 a strong commitment to music education and the arts; and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Music Educators Association, founded in 1938, has long supported  
19 music education by providing professional development opportunities for teachers and  
20 performance opportunities for students, including statewide evaluations and programs in  
21 band, choral, and orchestral music, in which thousands of students participate each year; and

22 WHEREAS, national organizations such as the Recording Academy and the GRAMMY  
23 Museum provide valuable music education initiatives, including mentorship programs,  
24 educator training, and career development opportunities that connect students and teachers  
25 with professionals across the music industry, helping to strengthen classroom instruction and  
26 expand pathways to careers in music and the creative arts; and

27 WHEREAS, programs such as GRAMMY U and GRAMMY in the Schools offer  
28 workshops, networking opportunities, career panels, and hands-on experiences that allow  
29 students to learn directly from recording artists, producers, and industry professionals,  
30 helping bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world music careers; and

31 WHEREAS, these initiatives also support music educators by providing professional  
32 development resources, educational programming, and recognition programs such as the  
33 Music Educator Award, which celebrates teachers who have made lasting contributions to  
34 music education and student achievement; and

35 WHEREAS, the study of music is an essential component of a well-rounded education,  
36 helping students develop creativity, problem-solving abilities, cultural understanding, and  
37 skills in both the production and performance of music; and

38 WHEREAS, recognizing Music in Our Schools Month highlights the importance of  
39 supporting music educators and ensuring students continue to have access to music programs  
40 that enrich their academic experience and personal development.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
42 recognize March 2026 as Music in Our Schools Month in honor of the music educators,  
43 students, and organizations that promote the value of music education.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
45 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
46 press.