



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month, the time of year when Music Education becomes the focus of schools across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this celebration is to raise awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of Music Education for all children and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music; and

WHEREAS, Music In Our Schools Month is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community and showcase the talent of the students by highlighting and displaying the artistic and cognitive benefits that school music brings to students of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Music Education shapes the way our students understand themselves and the world around them, allowing for a deep engagement with learning; the skills nurtured by Music Education – such as creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking – are vital to students' academic, personal, and professional success; and

WHEREAS, the *Alabama Music Educators Association* (AMEA) supports quality music instruction in Alabama from early childhood through college, and works to foster a better understanding of music's important role in the development of the whole person; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recognizes the significant influence of music and commends the Alabama Music Educators Association for its concern and efforts to enhance the quality of Music Education in Alabama and develop future musicians, performers, and educators; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary W. Waters, Mayor of the City of Pelham, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as:

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

in Pelham, Alabama.

FURTHERMORE, and I endorse the observance of Music In Our Schools Month as an opportunity to support the creative and educational purposes and practices of Music Education and encourage teachers, students, and all citizens to participate.



Given under my hand,
in the City of Pelham, Alabama
this 2nd day of March 2020.

Gary W. Waters
Mayor