

RESOLUTION nO. 24-44

***RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 2024 AS MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY***

***WHEREAS, the month of March is recognized as Music in Our Schools Month; and***

***WHEREAS, music education is an essential part of a well-rounded education for every student and shapes the way students understand themselves and the world around them, allowing for deep engagement with learning; and***

***WHEREAS, music education is proven to benefit young people's overall development and performance, including contributing to increased vocabularies, higher test scores on reading, spelling and math tests, higher school participation rates and enhances students' cooperation, sharing, compromise, creativity and concentration skills; and***

***WHEREAS, since 2003, the Santa Barbara Education Foundation has raised critical funds for their Keep the Beat program, enabling 100% of TK-6 Santa Barbara Unified students to receive weekly music lessons with credentialed music teachers; and***

***WHEREAS, Keep the Beat has collected over 2,000 instruments to repair and put them directly into the hands of students in Santa Barbara Unified music programs.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares March 2024 as Music in Our Schools Month and encourages the Santa Barbara County community to celebrate and acknowledge everyday but especially in March that music education is an essential part of every student's well-rounded education.***

***Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of March, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.***