

BY: Senator BAILEY

RECOGNIZING October 1, 2022, as International Music Day

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those who seek to preserve and celebrate the musical heritage of our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize October 1, 2022, as International Music Day; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, the International Music Council declared that International Music Day would be celebrated on October 1st every year; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1949, the International Music Council (IMC), an associate organization of UNESCO, strongly believed music had the power to unite communities and foster world peace; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Council, especially its President in 1975, Lord Yehudi Menuhin, firmly believed music could strengthen relationships and bridge cultural gaps among communities; and

WHEREAS, Realizing this, the Council made the decision to devote one day each year to music with the aim to harness the power of music to unite communities and cultures and inspire them to coexist harmoniously; and

WHEREAS, Lord Yehudi Menuhin, arguably America's most prolific violinist and music conductor at that time, wrote a letter to the IMC members proclaiming October 1st as International Music Day; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its original mission, International Music Day encourages the promotion of musical art among all the sections of society, motivates the application of UNESCO's ideals of peace and friendship among people, creates space for the evolution of cultures through the exchange of experiences, and encourages mutual appreciation of cultures, especially their aesthetic values; and

WHEREAS, Since the first International Music Day on October 1, 1975, over 150 countries across the globe have celebrated the power of music to unite societies, communities, and people; and

WHEREAS, This vital day offers people an occasion to celebrate music and contribute towards a more peaceful, joyful, and harmonious society; events on this day include concerts, exhibitions, seminars on creating music, lectures, music conferences, and more; and

WHEREAS, Events which provide a means of preserving a part of our rich American past and which contribute to the community in such noble

endeavors as aforementioned, are held in the highest regard by this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize October 1, 2022, as International Music Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the International Music Council.