Assembly Resolution No. 201

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2023, as Music in Our Schools Month

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 education and heritage of our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2023, as Music in Our Schools Month, in conjunction with the observance of National Music in Our Schools Month; and

WHEREAS, Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM) is the National Association for Music Education's Annual Celebration during March which engages music educators, students, and communities from around the country in promoting the benefits of high quality music education programs in schools; and

WHEREAS, This national month of music will be celebrating its 50th Annual Music in Our Schools Month; and

WHEREAS, Music in Our Schools Month began in 1973 as a single statewide Advocacy Day and celebration in New York, and has since grown to become a month-long celebration of school music; and

WHEREAS, Each year during this month, students from across the country perform various concerts in state legislatures, concert halls and schools to showcase the musical talent of America's youth; and

WHEREAS, Music has been a part of human history since mankind discovered its love for this beautiful and cherished art form; it is events such as Music in Our Schools Month that allow music to continue to progress and evolve; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the support of music education in our nation's schools is of utmost importance in continuing the development of musical talent in New York and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Events which provide a means of preserving a part of America's rich past and which contribute to the musical education of our great State and Nation, are held in the highest regard by this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2023, as Music in Our Schools Month, in conjunction with the observance of National Music in Our Schools Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.