

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm hereby proclaim September 14, 2005, as

National Anthem Project Day

Whereas, The Star-Spangled Banner was adopted as the National Anthem of the United States in 1931 by an Act of Congress; and,

Whereas, A recent Harris Interactive Survey discovered that of men and women 18 years of age and older, 61 percent of those surveyed did not know all the lyrics of the first stanza and of those who answered the question correctly, 58 percent had received at least five years of music education while growing up; and,

Whereas, An ABC News poll revealed that more than one in three Americans (38 percent) do not know that the official name of the National Anthem is "The Star-Spangled Banner," less than 35 percent of American teens can name Francis Scott Key as the composer of the National Anthem, and as few as 15 percent of American youth can sing the words to the anthem from memory; and,

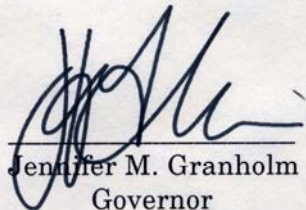
Whereas, School music education ensures preservation of the musical traditions and historical legacies of the United States; and,

Whereas, The study of music provides a competitive edge for successful educational reform, engages students in individual and group activity, develops creativity, problem-solving, and critical and evaluative skills; and,

Whereas, The National Association of Music Education and the Michigan Music Educators Association have taken a lead role in promoting the National Anthem through "The National Anthem Project" to help remedy this concern; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2005, as National Anthem Project Day in Michigan and I encourage all citizens to celebrate the history of the anthem.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor