



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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, develops creativity, engages students in individual and group activity, and develops problem solving and critical and evaluative skills; and

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

WHEREAS, the National Association of Music Education (MENC) and the New Jersey Music Educators Association have taken a role in promoting the National Anthem through the National Anthem Project; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is concerned with maintaining and improving school music programs for all students and teaching the importance of the historical events that created our great Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

as

NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT DAY

in New Jersey and urge residents to participate in this project.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this ninth day of September in the year of Our Lord two thousand five and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and thirtieth.

Richard J. Codey

ACTING GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Regena L. Thomas

**REGENA L. THOMAS,
SECRETARY OF STATE**