

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **MUSIC IN EDUCATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, music helps you multi-task by using multiple regions of the brain at once; and

**WHEREAS**, music benefits language development, which is especially important for children ages 2 to 9; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2004 study conducted at the University of Toronto showed that 6-year-old piano and voice students scored three points higher on IQ tests than those who did not; and

**WHEREAS**, music research has shown a direct link between music education and spatial skills such as math, engineering, art, etc.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as Music in Education Month and ask that all citizens take steps to become involved in this nationally recognized event.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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**DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor**