

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 96

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A RESOLUTION commemorating "Tennessee Music Therapy Week," the week of February 27, 2023.

WHEREAS, Tennesseans enjoy myriad musical styles and celebrate the use of music in all settings; and

WHEREAS, music therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program; and

WHEREAS, music therapy can help individuals express emotions, improve social skills, increase self-confidence, cope with loss, develop motor skills, improve relaxation skills, and increase concentration; and

WHEREAS, music therapy offers benefits across all developmental domains and supports individuals of all ages and ability levels, including children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly, with mental health needs, developmental and learning disabilities, Alzheimer's disease and other aging-related conditions, substance abuse problems, brain injuries, physical disabilities, eating disorders, and chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a thriving music therapy industry, with 130 board-certified music therapists working in various settings across the State; and

WHEREAS, students can explore this field in music therapy degree programs at Austin Peay State University, Belmont University, and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, used around the world, music therapy is celebrated in Europe on November 15, and the World Federation of Music Therapy organizes World Music Therapy Day on March 1; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commemorate the week of February 27, 2023, as "Tennessee Music Therapy Week."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.