



City of Columbia
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, music increases social connectivity, reduces stress, stimulates creativity and is integral to a well-rounded, enjoyable life; and

WHEREAS, the music is a creative expression of culture and community that makes the City of Columbia a more livable city; and

WHEREAS, many Columbians will experience the joys of music during the month of June through participation in educational programs, concerts, street performances, workshops, open mic nights, live music shows, or playing and practicing an instrument; and

WHEREAS, these musical activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Columbia's economy and tourism industry, and to stimulate economic development by making the City attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy music performance; and

WHEREAS, the month of June will feature events including the Savvy Musician in Action workshop, the Southern Guitar Festival and Competition, the Southeastern Piano Festival, the Conductors Institute of South Carolina, and Make Music Columbia as part of International Make Music Day as well as many other musical performances at the many venues across the City.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June as

Columbia Music Month

in the great City of Columbia and encourage all citizens to join me in applauding the efforts of our local public works employees.

*Stephen K. Benjamin
Mayor*

*Sam Davis
District I, Council Member*

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At-Large, Council Member*

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District IV, Council Member*

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