



**THE WHITE HOUSE**

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I send greetings to those celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Association for Music Education.

Music plays a vital role in exploring ideas, expressing emotions, and conveying the diversity of the human experience. By capturing the imagination of our citizens, music has influenced our cultural heritage and created some of our country's most treasured art forms. This anniversary provides an opportunity to celebrate musical traditions that bring joy to people around the world and speak to every heart.

I appreciate all those involved for supporting the arts and helping preserve America's rich musical legacy for future generations. Your efforts advance music appreciation and enhance the creative spirit of our Nation.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barack" followed by a stylized flourish.