



P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, music plays an increasingly important role in our world today; and

WHEREAS, music is one of the most sublime of human pursuits, and is subscribed to by all races and creeds; and

WHEREAS, music is the language of all peoples, and is one of the greatest forces in creating peace and harmony; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Music Clubs — dedicated to encouraging young musicians, increasing musical knowledge, and advancing American music — and its cooperating organizations join forces annually in **May** to direct attention to the dynamic influence of music in everyday living; and

WHEREAS, music appreciation activities date back as early as 1915 with the National Week of Song, leading up to the first official week of celebration in 1924, with the enduring objective that continues to create an understating and appreciation of music's value in the home, community and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim **May 3-10, 2026**, as

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK

in Arkansas City and ask that all citizens of this community observe and take part in activities recognizing the importance of music, musicians, and musical organizations to the cultural life of our city, state, nation, and world, and recognizing this year's theme: "Music...is our constant companion."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

TAD STOVER, MAYOR

March 17, 2026