

By Senator Sobel

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing music therapy as a valid health care service.

WHEREAS, music therapy is defined as the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a person who is Music Therapist-Board Certified (MT-BC) and who has completed an approved music therapy program, and

WHEREAS, a person representing himself or herself as an MT-BC must be board certified by the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT), an independent, nonprofit corporation whose certification program is fully accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), and

WHEREAS, the MT-BC credential has been fully accredited by the NCCA since 1986, and the American Music Therapy Association was founded in 1998 as a union of the National Association for Music Therapy and the American Association for Music Therapy, and

WHEREAS, music therapy is an allied health field that offers benefits across all developmental domains and supports patients of all ages and ability levels, including, but not limited to, children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly who have mental health needs, developmental and learning disabilities, Alzheimer's disease and other aging related conditions, substance abuse problems, brain injuries, physical disabilities, and acute and chronic pain, and

WHEREAS, music therapy maintains or increases the quality of life for patients and their families, alleviates stress, and

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30 works on many different levels at once to improve the condition  
31 of the patient, and

32 WHEREAS, decades of empirical research documented in peer-  
33 reviewed journals have found music therapy to be a cost-  
34 effective service, NOW, THEREFORE,

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36 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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38 That the Florida Senate recognizes music therapy as a valid  
39 health care service.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
41 presented to the president of the Florida Association for Music  
42 Therapy as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed in this  
43 resolution.