

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING MUSIC THERAPY AS A VALID
AND IMPORTANT THERAPEUTIC HEALTH CARE SERVICE.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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 is a field that 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, and acute and chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, music therapists work in psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitative facilities, medical hospitals, outpatient clinics, day care treatment centers, agencies serving persons with developmental disabilities, community mental health centers, drug and alcohol programs, senior centers, nursing homes, hospice programs, correctional facilities, halfway houses, schools and private practice; and

WHEREAS, music therapists: assess emotional well-being, physical health, social functioning, communication abilities, and cognitive skills through musical responses; design music sessions for individuals and groups based on client needs using music improvisation, receptive music listening, song writing, lyric discussion, music and imagery, music performance, and learning through music; participate in interdisciplinary treatment planning and ongoing evaluation; and

WHEREAS, a board-certified music therapist must earn a degree in music therapy at a college or a university approved by the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) and must be certified by the Certification Board for Music Therapists; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 6,000 board-certified music therapists in the United States; and

WHEREAS, many Idahoans receive music therapy each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that music therapy is a valid and important therapeutic health care service for Idahoans.