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## Congressional Bipartisan Resolution Designates October 25 as Public Radio Music Day

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 15, 2023)** – U.S. Representatives Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA), Mark Amodei (R-NV), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), and Jake Ellzey (R-TX) introduced a bipartisan resolution ([H.R.689](#)) yesterday marking October 25, 2023, as Public Radio Music Day, thus honoring the important role local public radio music stations serve to their listeners and music artists across all 50 states and U.S. territories. Representatives Chris Pappas (D-NH), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Susie Lee (D-NV), Dwight Evans (D-PA), Donald Payne (D-NJ), Jack Bergman (R-MI), Joe Morelle (D-NY), Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), and James McGovern (D-MA) joined the introduction as original cosponsors.

“When I was in college, I loved working at my university’s radio station,” said **Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon**. “Public radio stations are an incredible source of entertainment and education, providing listeners across the United States a gateway to the world. The diversity of their innovative programming is an unparalleled public service which I am proud to celebrate with this resolution designating October 25, 2023, as Public Radio Music Day.”

“Once again, the wonders of public radio are on full display as we recognize the meaningful way in which it connects the American public to new music and genres,” said **Rep. Mark Amodei**. “It’s only right that this contribution be recognized with an official Public Radio Music Day.”

The [noncomMUSIC Alliance](#) will host the fourth annual event focusing on the theme of “Building Community Through Music” with public radio music stations nationwide. The celebration highlights the contributions public radio stations provide to music education, artist discovery, and preservation to the local music culture. On this day, we will recognize why over 25 million Americans listen to noncommercial music stations each week and connect with new music, genres, and artists in their local communities.

“Public radio showcases the unique sounds and styles of our communities, reflective of the incredible diversity of our nation,” said **Rep. Earl Blumenauer**. “It is only fitting to celebrate these contributions with an official designation of Public Radio Music Day.”

“Public radio has helped define generations. Since its inception, NPR has been a cornerstone of our country,” said **Rep. Jake Ellzey**. “It has grown alongside the United States, striving to keep the public informed and entertained. After all it’s done for us, I am proud to join my colleagues in designating October 25th as Public Radio Music Day.”

To learn more about Public Radio Music Day, visit our website [here](#).

### About the noncomMUSIC Alliance

The noncomMUSIC Alliance, with more than 150 partner public radio stations, celebrates noncommercial, nonprofit, local public radio's role in connecting artists with the communities that enjoy and support their music. Established in 2018, the Alliance's primary aim is to bring diverse noncommercial music constituencies together, amplify their voices, and inform others – particularly public policy makers – about the need to support public radio's role in local communities across the United States. To learn more about the noncomMUSIC Alliance, please visit [noncomMUSIC.org](https://noncomMUSIC.org).

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