

**Resolution**  
**School Board Members Day**  
**November 15, 2016**

**WHEREAS,** The District 97 School board members are elected to sit in trust for our diverse communities, and in that capacity are charged with meeting the community's expectations and aspirations for the public education of their children; and

**WHEREAS,** The District 97 School board members are entrusted with the guardianship and wise expenditure of scarce tax dollars, and they are responsible for maintaining and preserving the buildings, grounds, and other areas of the school district that the community has put in their trust; and

**WHEREAS,** The District 97 School board members are responsible for providing leadership that ensures a clear, shared vision of public education for our schools, that sets high standards for the education of all students, and requires the effective and efficient operation of their districts; and

**WHEREAS,** The District 97 School board members adopt public policy to give voice to that leadership and employ a superintendent to administer board policy, and are also responsible for the regular monitoring of the district's performance and compliance with state policy; and

**WHEREAS,** The District 97 School board members selflessly volunteer countless hours to public service by attending board meetings, committee meetings and community meetings with no compensation; and

**WHEREAS,** Decisions made by school board members directly impact the quality of life in our community, placing them as the front line of American democracy;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Administrators of Oak Park Elementary School District 97, that we proclaim November 15, 2016, as "School Board Members Day" as a way to honor President Jim Gates, Vice President Amy Felton, and Board members Graham Brisben, Rupa Datta, Jim O'Connor, Bob Spatz and Holly Spurlock who devote their time and energy for the successful education of our children.