



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **April 21, 2015**

TITLE: **Resolution of the Governing Board Recognizing the Contributions of Teachers and Nurses in the District and Setting May 5 and 6, 2015 as Dates for Special Recognition**

BACKGROUND:

At its April 7th meeting, the Governing Board issued a resolution recognizing the valuable contributions made by Educational Support Personnel in the District. In doing so, the Board referenced the fact that the contributions of teachers are formally recognized once a year on a national basis.

National Teacher Appreciation Week has been designated as such by the National PTA in cooperation with the NEA for decades. Observance of such recognition has been celebrated by schools across the country in one form or another since 1944. This year, National PTA "Teacher Appreciation Week" will be May 4-8, 2015 with "National Teacher Day" being observed on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. In a related fashion, the National Association of School Nurses has stated that Wednesday, May 6, 2015 should be observed as "National School Nurse Day".

Interestingly, there is no Congressional recognition of teachers or other educators, although there has been in the past. Congress twice declared a National Teacher's Day – once in 1953, at the behest of Eleanor Roosevelt, and again in 1980 after much lobbying that particular year by the NEA. Both Congressional declarations, however, were only for those specific years.

The contributions of teachers, nurses and other school employees are of course appreciated every day, but focusing a celebration of their efforts on specific dates can crystalize that appreciation and serve to remind everyone how much these personnel do for students and, in turn, our community as a whole.

A resolution has been prepared to not only recognize their contributions but to also call for Federal recognition.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board's adoption and dissemination of the attached form of resolution.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: April 15, 2015

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent