A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the Amphitheater Unified School District ("the District") exists for the purpose of providing a free public education to Arizona children;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is charged with the supervision and governance of the District, including the authority to employ persons necessary to carry out the functions of the District;

WHEREAS, the students of the District receive a high quality education consistently rated among the highest in the State of Arizona as evidenced by measurements such as college admissions, scholarship opportunities, academic and extracurricular achievements, standardized test scores, Arizona LEARNS designations, academic competitions and other measures;

WHEREAS, the quality of education received by District students is greatly affected and enhanced by the dedication, effort and talents of the District's Educational Support Staff ("Support Staff");

WHEREAS, the Support Staff make their positive impact upon kids every day, with just some examples of the same being the painter who renews the learning environment with each pass of his brush; the school cook who mixes ingredients with skill and a little love to provide nutritious meals; the mechanic who ensures students can travel in safe and comfortable vehicles; the groundskeeper who welcomes each visitor to a school with a freshly trimmed lawn and a burst of warm color in a flower bed; and the bilingual clerk who facilitates the participation of a family in the educational experience;

WHEREAS, over the course of the last several years, the Amphitheater School District budget has been reduced by the state legislature by more than \$38,000,000.00 impacting each school and employee of the District, leading to increases in class size, loss of programs and services to students, and loss of jobs or income for educational staff;

WHEREAS, despite the budget imposed adversities, Support Staff -- especially those in Amphitheater -- have nonetheless been more resolved and committed than ever to serve our students, parents and community;

WHEREAS, schools set apart specific days for the recognition of school teachers and school administrative assistants, but no formal day has been established to celebrate the contributions of other Support Staff;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board sincerely believes that the appreciation of all school district staff should be ongoing and not limited to one day per year, but also recognizes the value of focusing public attention on the efforts of educational personnel on an annual basis; and,

WHEREAS, the focus and attention of the public can be maximized by coordination of District recognition activities for all Support Staff with those occurring nationally for school administrative assistants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Amphitheater Unified School District Governing Board that the District hereby recognizes the special everyday contributions of every Support employee of the District and sets apart Wednesday, April 24, 2013 as "Educational Support Staff Appreciation Day" in the District.

The Governing Board invites other school district governing boards to join them in this celebration of the special contributions of district support employees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board this 9th day of April, 2013.

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