

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA,
RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
OF TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS**

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 purpose of the District;

WHEREAS, the quality of education received by District students is directly attributable to the dedication, effort and talents of the District’s teachers and other professional employees who provide instruction and related services to students;

WHEREAS, teachers, counselors, school nurses, therapists and other professional staff have made extraordinary efforts to create and institute extensive protocols to ensure a safe and healthy environment for staff and students;

WHEREAS, the educators have shifted from using their normal methods of education to creating remote, online, hybrid teaching, and in-person learning opportunities in a “new normal” created by the global pandemic;

WHEREAS, these loyal and dedicated educators have recognized the vital importance of not only continuing academic instruction, but also maintaining personal connection and developing new and innovative practices that keep students connected to educators and to each other during the COVID-19 crisis;

WHEREAS, teachers, counselors, school nurses, therapists, and other professional staff continue to model perseverance and resilience and remain dedicated to also instilling in students the qualities and skills that this Governing Board determined in its Portrait of a Graduate to be important to develop in all students who earn a diploma from the Amphitheater School District;

WHEREAS, schools, parents and students across the country celebrate the contributions of teachers, specifically, with Teacher Appreciation Week and Teacher and Educational Professionals Day;

WHEREAS, the National PTA and the National Education Association have traditionally called for teacher recognition on an annual basis and have done so again in 2021, by designating May 3 - 7, 2021 as “Teacher Appreciation Week” and Tuesday, May 4, 2021 as “National Teacher Day”;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board sincerely believes that the appreciation of all school district staff should be ongoing and not limited to one day or week per year, but also recognizes the value of annually capturing public attention on a particular day; and

WHEREAS, the focus and attention of the public can be maximized by the coordination of District recognition activities for teachers and other educational professional employees consistent with national observances of the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Amphitheater Unified School District Governing Board that the District hereby recognizes the special contributions which teachers and educational professionals of the District make every day, but sets apart the week of May 3 - 7, 2021 as “Teacher and Educational Professionals Appreciation Week” and Tuesday, May 4, 2021 as “Teacher and Educational Professionals Day”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Board that it urges Congress to establish a permanent day of recognition for teachers and educational professionals, reflecting the unique and vital role our educators have played and continue to play in the development of our future citizens and thereby the preservation and advancement of our Union;

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board this 23rd day of March, 2021.

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