

**RESOLUTION 16-022– School Nurse Appreciation Proclamation**

**Background:** National School Nurse Day is observed annually in May. In 2016, National School Nurse Day is May 11.

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Whereas, children are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

Whereas, all students have a right to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

Whereas, children today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

Whereas, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 100 years; and

Whereas, school nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by serving on the frontlines and providing a critical safety net for our nation's most fragile children; and

Whereas, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community, parents, and health care providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our community's children; and

Whereas school nurses are members of school-based mental health teams; and

**Whereas, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day, therefore be it**

**RESOLVED** that the Multnomah ESD Board of Directors celebrates and acknowledges the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere and their efforts of meeting the needs of today's students by improving the delivery of health care in our schools and offers gratitude to school nurses who contribute to our community by helping students stay healthy, in school, and ready to learn, and keeping parents and guardians at work, not just on this National School Nurse Day, but at every opportunity through the year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Multnomah ESD Board of Directors strongly encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our school nurses for their dedication and devotion to their work.

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2016.

Signed:

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Chair, Nels Johnson, School District Board of Directors

Attest:

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Interim Superintendent, Scott Perry