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Resolution to Recognize Nebraska PK-12 Educators for Teacher Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Nebraska public and nonpublic PK-12 teachers and paraprofessionals have experienced extreme workplace challenges in the past three years;

WHEREAS, Nebraska depends on PK-12 educators to shape our future generations;

WHEREAS, each day over 25,000 teachers impact the lives of 360,000 students;

WHEREAS, the success of our children, communities, state, and nation are considerably influenced by exemplary teachers who devote their lives to helping youth excel;

WHEREAS, Nebraska PK-12 educators work tirelessly to prioritize the academic and non-academic needs of their students;

WHEREAS, educators spend countless hours preparing lessons, creating safe school cultures, building partnerships with families and communities, collaborating with colleagues, and reflecting on and improving their profession;

WHEREAS, many educators have been tasked with additional duties during this time of national teacher shortages;

WHEREAS, Nebraska PK-12 educators have persisted through three challenging school years and continue to serve all students entrusted to their charge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education recognizes Nebraska PK-12 educators for their commitment and dedication to their students, families, and the communities in which they serve. The State Board of Education recognizes the unsung efforts of Nebraska PK-12 educators and the importance of their work to providing high-quality learning experiences for all students in all of Nebraska's schools,

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education hereby declares May Teacher Appreciation Month, and

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education encourages local boards of education and governing bodies to similarly celebrate and honor their teachers.

Signed on behalf of the Nebraska State Board of Education, this 5th day of May 2023.

Patti Gubbels, President

Kirk Penner, Vice President