Joint Resolution No. 20-24
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

In Recognition of May 4-8, 2020, as National Teacher Appreciation Week

Whereas, Teacher Appreciation Week is observed annually during the first full week of May and is sponsored by the National PTA in recognition of our nation's educators who play a pivotal role in our children's lives, inspiring a lifelong love of learning and discovery and making a difference in their well-being and long-term success; and

Whereas, the United States and the State of California have made considerable progress in the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system of free and universal public education; and

Whereas, much of this progress can be attributed to the qualified and dedicated teachers entrusted with the educational development of our children; and

Whereas, teachers encounter students of widely differing backgrounds and support them equitably and with compassion; and

Whereas, San Mateo County teachers, counselors, nurses, librarians, psychologists, speech and language pathologists, and other certificated staff continue to contribute to the well-being of our local community and the entire state; and

Whereas, teachers are the backbone of our education system and the key to reaching learning goals regardless of context and situation as exemplified by their ability to rapidly mobilize and innovate in response to the COVID-19 crisis and facilitate quality distance learning for students with or without digital technology; and

Whereas, within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers have served as trusted messengers essential for communicating to students and families the health measures that prevent the spread of the virus and further ensuring that children are safe and supported; and

Whereas, amid the COVID-19 emergency, teachers have been working with students and families who are under stress while they themselves have been attending to the needs of their own families, all while working in an environment of unprecedented disruption and change; and

Whereas, San Mateo County recognizes and supports the heroic efforts of our teachers in educating the children of this community despite a state and national health emergency;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools do hereby recognize National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2020, and strongly encourage all members of our community to join in this observance and acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our educators.