

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution No. 09/10-52

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month originated in 1988 when the National Foster Parent Association influenced the United States Senate to introduce a resolution to proclaim May as National Foster Care Month; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Federal, State and local governments including the State of California and Contra Costa County have proclaimed May as National Foster Care Month; and

WHEREAS, foster parents, relative caregivers, group home staff, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers provide valuable support and compassionate encouragement to the approximately 496,000 foster youth across the United States, more than 80,000 of whom reside in the State of California; and over 300 foster youth attend school in Mt. Diablo Unified School District annually; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, we honor the contributions of the families, organizations, agencies, and individuals who contribute to the educational achievement and well being of foster youth, and aim to raise awareness of the challenges and strengths of foster youth, and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Education has provided Grant funding for Mt. Diablo Unified School District's Foster Youth Services program since 1973 to provide tutoring, counseling and increase interagency support for foster youth, and, the United Way of the Bay Area awarded grant funding to MDUSD Foster Youth Services in April 2009, and;

WHEREAS, Mt. Diablo Unified School District Foster Youth Services, in collaboration with Mt. Diablo Unified teachers and other staff members, provides exemplary educational services and support for foster youth students each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District recognizes the month of May as National Foster Care Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mt. Diablo Unified District staff members recognize the unique challenges faced by foster youth and are committed to the educational success of foster youth, and all students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mt. Diablo Unified District honors the public and community agencies, groups and individuals who provide care and support for foster youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all schools within the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

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