## State of Michigan State Board of Education

## RESOLUTION

## NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 3-7, 2010

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across our nation, dedicated teachers open children's minds to new knowledge, ideas, abilities and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, accomplished teachers in Michigan are central to our mission of preserving and enhancing Michigan's natural and human resources and investments; and

WHEREAS, teachers promote and strengthen the principles of democratic equality, keeping American democracy and civic engagement vibrant, and developing leaders to meet new challenges; and

WHEREAS, teaching is an increasingly complex profession, and teachers fill many roles as motivators, researchers, mentors, scholars and exemplars; and

WHEREAS, teachers shape the future of the great state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education recognizes the critical importance of teaching, and strongly supports initiatives to strengthen the profession, including National Board Certification, the Michigan Teacher of the Year, the Milken National Educator Award program, and the Network of Michigan Educators; and

WHEREAS, the National Parent-Teacher Association has declared May 3-7, 2010 Teacher Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Teacher Appreciation Week is to raise national and local awareness of teaching excellence in building a better society; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education support the National Teacher Appreciation Week initiative, and encourage communities and schools to recognize the vital and changing role of teachers in imagining and creating a better future for the citizens of Michigan.



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