

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

DENISE DICKENSON

WHEREAS, Denise Dickenson is a lifetime resident of Michigan, a graduate of Lansing's Eastern High School, and earned an Associate's Degree from Lansing Community College; and

WHEREAS, Denise began her career in 1977 at the Department of Education as a Secretary in the Student Financial Assistance Program, and then as a Secretary in the former State Library; and

WHEREAS, In 1983 Denise began her employment with the Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) as Secretary to the Supervisor of the Teacher Preparation Program; and in 1991 the OPPS expanded its office to include two units, the Client Services Unit and the Professional Preparation and Development Unit where Denise continued in her position as Secretary to the Supervisor of Client Services; and

WHEREAS, Denise has enjoyed and achieved tremendous job satisfaction while working with Michigan's school districts, teachers, and Michigan's teacher preparation institutions; and

WHEREAS, In 2006 Denise joined the Adopt-A-Native-Elder Program which helps Navajo elders in the remote areas of the Navajo Reservation live according to their cultural and spiritual traditions where she has made numerous donations of food, clothing and medicine over the years and also participates in the special programs for their grandchildren by donating such items as backpacks, Christmas stockings, and shoes; and Denise hopes to become more involved with the program after retirement; and

WHEREAS, Denise has announced her retirement from the Michigan Department of Education on January 1, 2011; and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this honored and distinguished employee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to this exceptional individual; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That in addition to its respect and gratitude, the State Board of Education extends to Denise its highest regard, and its best wishes for the future.