

RESOLUTION

Rosemary Suardini

WHEREAS, Rosemary Suardini grew up in Flint, Michigan; attended Redeemer Lutheran School, and graduated from Grand Blanc High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics Education and certification to teach Occupational Foods from Northern Michigan University while working as clerical aide in the American Indian Programs; writer for the Nishnawbe News; waitress at the Perkins Pancake House in Grand Blanc, Michigan; salad preparer at the Holiday Inn in Marquette, Michigan; dishwasher at a local nursing home; and grill cook and banquet server at Northern Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary started her career in education as the Assistant Director and later the Director of the American Indian Programs at Northern Michigan University and recruiter for the university Admissions Office; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary joined the Michigan Department of Education in May 1980 as an Education Specialist splitting time between the Guaranteed Student Loan, Competitive Scholarship, and Tuition Grant Programs in the Office of Student Financial Assistance; and took an educational leave to complete a Master's Degree in Education from Northern Michigan University and then accepted a position as a Higher Education Consultant in the Office of Student Financial Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary transferred to the Child and Adult Care Food Program in October 1988 where she provided technical assistance to many school districts and organizations providing child care to improve the nutrition of children in their care; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary was on the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Midwest Region Meal Pattern Task Force which developed *What's In A Meal?*, a national resource on crediting foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; served on the board of directors of the National Child and Adult Care Food Program Professional Association, representing the Midwest Region; and served on the Child Care Policy Workgroup of Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan, a project creating strategic policy to reduce childhood obesity in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary has enjoyed working with many people throughout the State of Michigan committed to higher education and improving the health and nutrition of all children; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary plans to spend more time with her family, especially her twin grandchildren, Ethan and Juliana, traveling, golfing, Jazzercise, and ballroom dancing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Rosemary Suardini for the dedication she has shown throughout her career at the Michigan Department of Education; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education wishes Rosemary Suardini a retirement that holds satisfying and fulfilling experiences and accomplishments.