## WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



## Resolution 52-23: Foster Care Month - May 2023

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 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 nearly 392,000 youth in foster care across the United States, more than 60,000 of whom reside in the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of May, we honor the contributions of the families, organizations, agencies, and individuals who contribute to the stability, educational achievement, and emotional and physical well-being of youth in foster care, and aim to raise awareness of the challenges and strengths of foster youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodland Joint Unified School District, in collaboration with teachers and other staff members, provides educational services and support for students in foster care each year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize the month of May as National Foster Care Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Woodland Joint Unified School District honors the public and community agencies, groups, and individuals who provide care and support for youth in foster care.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Woodland Joint Unified District Board Members recognize the unique challenges faced by youth in foster care and are committed to increasing the level of awareness on issues facing those youth and their outcomes by incorporating an increased focus on supports as outlined in our Local Control Accountability Plan.

**IN WITNESS THERETO**, the Woodland Joint Unified School District does hereby adopt this resolution on this 11th day of May 2023, by a unanimous Board of Trustees vote.

BOARD SECRETARY

OARD PRESIDENT