

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-17-07

Proclaiming

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, California School Bus Safety Awareness Month educates and encourages the general public to exercise caution and respect when driving in the area of a school and near a school bus; and

WHEREAS, ensuring each trip is a safe and secure one, school bus drivers must constantly stay alert, especially in traffic and bad weather; they must drive defensively in awareness of inattentive or disrespectful drivers; they must exercise particular caution when children are getting on or off the bus; and they must accommodate the special needs of students; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County school bus drivers transport over 6,200 students to and from school in school buses and play an important role in the educational day of students by setting an example of professionalism and positive adult behavior, maintaining order on their bus, and enforcing schools' safety and student conduct standards; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers undergo extensive training in the classroom that cover important procedures including state laws, defensive driving, student management, emergency evacuation drills, and school bus safety lessons, and the Monterey County Office of Education's Transportation Department plays an important role in promoting and offering driver training programs to school districts both within and outside Monterey County; and

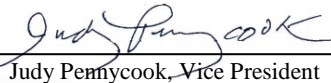
WHEREAS, the award winning Transportation Department of the Monterey County Office of Education, led by Supervisor Ruben Parra, employs over 30 bus drivers along with 5 support staff members, maintains 50 buses that transport approximately 244 special needs students over 1.5 million miles annually, and safely delivers them to their schools and homes:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 16-17-07 to celebrate the month of October as **CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH** and to recognize MCOE's Transportation Department and all drivers for their excellent service to the staff and students of Monterey County.

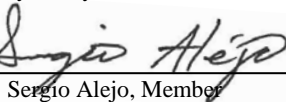
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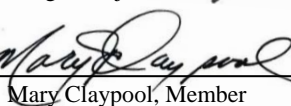
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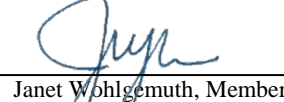




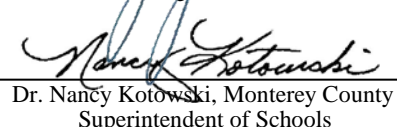
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