

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-20-13

Recognizing

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education recognizes the month of October as **California School Bus Safety Awareness Month** to honor school bus drivers throughout Monterey County and recognize the important role they play in the educational day of students; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers are an integral part of schools and communities by delivering students safely to their destinations on time and in a frame of mind ready to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers take great pride in their jobs getting children to and from school safely, staying alert, especially in traffic and bad weather, driving defensively in awareness of inattentive drivers, and exercising extreme caution when children are getting on and off the bus; and

WHEREAS, **California School Bus Safety Awareness Month** is an opportunity to educate and encourage the general public to exercise caution and respect when driving near a school bus and in the area of a school, and an ideal time to reinforce school bus safety rules among students; and

WHEREAS, with courtesy and professionalism, school bus drivers understand the responsibility they have for other people's children in maintaining order on the bus and at bus stops, and instructing students on safety regulations and policies related to passenger conduct; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers, mechanics, and other school transportation personnel conduct daily safety and operations inspections and undergo extensive training on state laws, defensive driving, student management, emergency evacuation drills, school bus safety lessons, and accommodating special needs of children; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education takes great pride in recognizing the topnotch Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) Transportation Department team who provide transportation to and from school for approximately four hundred Special Education Students that may require use of specialized equipment such as wheelchairs, car seats and supportive vests:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 19-20-13 to recognize the month of October as **California School Bus Safety Awareness Month** and to recognize MCOE's Transportation Department and all school bus drivers for their excellent service to the staff and students of Monterey County.

Passed and Adopted on the
Eleventh Day of September 2019

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