**WHEREAS,** an excellent public education system is vital to the quality of life for all California citizens and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** board of education members are committed to children, believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

**WHEREAS,** board of education members continue to advocate to best serve the children in our community each and every day; and

**WHEREAS,** our public education system has faced unprecedented circumstances these past four years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting learning loss; and

**WHEREAS,** our local board of education continues to act to ensure children’s academic, social-emotional, physical and mental health needs are met so they can become their best selves; and

**WHEREAS,** board of education members work closely with parents, school staff, educational professionals and other community members to create the healthiest environments possible where all students can thrive; and

**WHEREAS,** board of education members are responsible for building and maintaining the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

**WHEREAS,** board of education members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public’s expectations to the district; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of public schools to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world is more poignant than ever before;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, [name of official], do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the board of education and proclaim the month of January 2025 as School Board Recognition Month in [insert county/city/district]. I urge all community members to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to create an education system that meets the needs of our children.