

**ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2014-2015**

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Congress created the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) in 1998 to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enroll and succeed in post-secondary education; and

**WHEREAS**, GEAR UP offers college preparatory opportunities to over 1,000,000 students per year, through 260 state and community grants in 47 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Palau and Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Education and the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) work together to award grants and provide technical assistance and national conferences for the GEAR UP program throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, for twelve years, the California State GEAR UP program has worked in schools to prepare ALL students for continued education through a network of support for the adults who influence students – their faculty, counselors, school leaders and families – and has served over 748,000 students in 256 schools in California; and

**WHEREAS**, GEAR UP is based on proven and sustainable models that support students, families, school leadership, local schools and their district, community-based organizations, businesses, institutions of higher education and state school reform efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1999, California GEAR UP has awarded 5,370 Educational Trust Awards of \$2,000 totaling \$10,740,000 to middle school students across the state, and annual awards to Valley High School;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elk Grove Unified School District does hereby proclaim September 22-26 as National GEAR UP Week.