## ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road Elk Grove, California 95624

## **RESOLUTION No. 59 DECLARING**

## May 2016 as *Disability Awareness Month* in the ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, there is a responsibility to provide educational opportunities for children, staff members and parents of the Elk Grove Unified School District to become informed about disabled individuals and to develop an understanding of them, and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of children, staff members, and parents are involved each year through personal association with individuals with exceptional needs; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 7,475 special education students are on regular school sites and many participate in general education classes for all or part of the day; and

WHEREAS, individuals with exceptional needs may possess such disabilities as mental retardation, hearing impairment, orthopedic disabilities, visual disabilities, serious emotional disturbances, specific learning disabilities or a combination of these conditions;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Elk Grove Unified School District designates the month of May as Disability Awareness Month and urges all education sites to explore opportunities for students and staff to participate in activities and events in connection with persons with exceptional needs; and

**FURTHER,** urges the members of the educational community to give special attention to the awareness, understanding, and acceptance of children with exceptional needs.

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