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

RESOLUTION No. 36, 2017-18 DECLARING

Declaring November 13-17, 2017 as School Psychology Awareness Week in the ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Elk Grove Unified School District schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multi-tiered supports; and

WHEREAS, all children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to strive, grow and thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health; and

WHEREAS, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning; social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention and school safety, and supporting culturally diverse student populations; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are specially trained to deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and help children to thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors. School psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning, as well as, individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of Elk Grove Unified School District's students,

THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Elk Grove Unified School Board encourages all district students and staff to join in the observance of School Psychology Awareness Week, November 13-17, 2017.

Christopher R. Hoffman Secretary to the Board of Education