

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

RESOLUTION NO. 66, 2023-2024

**Recognizing May as NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH
in the ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, during the month of May, we honor the contributions of our kinship families, educators, community partners, and service providers who contribute to the stability, educational achievement, and emotional and physical well-being of youth in foster care and who support birth parents so that they may safely reunite with their families whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, during National Foster Care Month, the Elk Grove Unified School District celebrates youth in foster care and all their accomplishments and aims to raise awareness of their needs and strengths; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Grove Unified School District recognizes that exposure to trauma can affect learning and behavior and, in response, provides district- and school-wide professional development on the effects of complex trauma and how to create trauma-informed learning environments; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Grove Unified School District's Foster Youth Services program provides direct and coordinated services to children and youth in foster care through tutoring, credit recovery, school enrollment and re-entry support, post-secondary and independent living planning, case management, advocacy, and interagency collaboration for youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Grove Unified School District's Foster Youth Services program, in collaboration with Elk Grove Unified School District teachers, administrators, and other staff members, provides targeted programs and services for students in foster care that leverage their assets, affirm their identities, and address their needs to close achievement, opportunity, and relationship gaps; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Grove Unified School District's staff members recognize the unique challenges faced by youth in foster care and are committed to increasing the level of awareness and improved outcomes by incorporating goals and supports in the school- and district-level Local Control Accountability Plans specifically for students in foster care;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize the month of May as National Foster Care Month.

Date

CHRISTOPHER R. HOFFMAN, SUPERINTENDENT and
SECRETARY to the GOVERNING BOARD of
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT