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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS RESOLUTION NO. <u>67</u>, 2021-2022

Declaring May as *Mental Health Awareness Month* in the ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, May 2022 has been designated National Mental Health Awareness month in the United States since 1949 by the Mental Health America Organization; and

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being and children, youth and adults can recover from mental illness and lead full and productive lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, a focus on prevention and early intervention efforts could greatly reduce the number of children experiencing serious mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, Elk Grove Unified School District recognizes parents and family members have made invaluable contributions through their commitment, caring, and advocacy to important advances in education, and treatment for individuals with mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Grove Unified School District reviews its pledge to continually assess and improve the range of educational services provided to meet the varying needs for our students with mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, Elk Grove Unified School District supports spreading awareness of the importance of mental health can help people realize the many ways in which mental illness impacts them and those around them, and can provide the opportunity to learn about available resources; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Grove Unified School District recognizes that educating our students with mental health concerns requires commitment to meaningful collaboration with families and community members:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elk Grove Unified District Board of Education, does hereby proclaim, May 2022 as "Mental Health Awareness Month," and recommits our educational community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our children, youth and adults can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people, especially children and youth with mental health concerns.

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