

# PROCLAMATION

## Teacher Appreciation Week 2026

**WHEREAS**, what is now Teacher Appreciation Week began as an unofficial National Teacher Day in 1953, due to the advocacy of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, as a day to recognize the work of educators; and

**WHEREAS**, following the efforts of the National Education Association and its affiliates, National Teacher Day became a Congressionally recognized celebration in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1984, the National PTA has designated one week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week, a special time to honor those who lend their passion and skills to educating our children, which NEA shortly thereafter voted to move National Teacher Day to the Tuesday of that same week; and

**WHEREAS**, Teacher Appreciation Week is a moment to ensure educators in our lives know how much they mean to us and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, events across the country at the local, state, and national levels celebrate the outstanding contributions teachers make; and

**WHEREAS**, the [*insert governing body name*] pledges to transform our appreciation into action that protects students, strengthens public schools, and ensures educators are treated with the respect & dignity they deserve;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that [*insert governing body name*] hereby proclaims the week of May 4-8, 2026 as Teacher Appreciation Week, with all of the celebrations and recognitions thereby incorporated.

Proclaimed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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[*Insert governing body chair name, title*]