



**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS education is essential to the future of our community, state, country, and world; and

WHEREAS teachers and licensed specialists mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS this is one of the most challenging times to be a teacher in the history of public education; and

WHEREAS teachers embrace students of widely differing backgrounds; and

WHEREAS our teachers are committed to stopping at nothing to remove barriers to high quality education for all of our 42,000 students; and

WHEREAS our country's future depends upon providing quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students, and performing community service; and

WHEREAS our teachers are committed to learning new technologies and innovations in order to learn how to effectively teach virtually so as to meet all of the requirements outlined in Governor Brown's Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS distance learning is an entirely new process for our teachers, but one that they have embraced wholeheartedly, making more than 100,000 phone calls to connect with and care for our students and families; and

WHEREAS our teachers go beyond teaching to provide social and emotional learning, mental health support, address hunger and support the whole child; and

WHEREAS our community recognizes and supports its teachers and specialists in educating the children of Salem and Keizer;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Salem-Keizer School District Board of Directors proclaims May 3-7, 2021, to be **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** and encourages all members of our community to join with the board in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

Satya Chandragiri, Chairperson, Board of Directors
Salem-Keizer Public Schools

April 13, 2021

Date