

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, middle level education has a special and unique function in the nation's educational system; and

WHEREAS, young adolescents are undergoing dramatic physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth, and are especially vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, the habits and values established during early adolescence have critical, life-long influence; and

WHEREAS, this influence impacts directly on the future health and welfare of our nation; and

WHEREAS, an adequate public understanding of the distinctive mission of the middle level school is necessary for that mission to succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the month of March 2018 be declared *National Middle Level Education Month*, and that the public be afforded opportunities to attend middle level school events and participate in programs that focus on the nature of young adolescents and celebrate the ways in which our nation's schools respond to their needs and to the needs of the nation.

SIGNED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education this 1st day of March 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein
Board President

Dr. Ben Drati
Superintendent