

## Resolution 2024-2025-014 Proclaiming the Celebration of School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

**WHEREAS**, 76 licensed school bus drivers, 12 transportation office staff, 5 mechanics/technicians, 6 van drivers, 2 bus aides, and 2 transportation supervisors transport a majority of the district's students safely to and from school each day;

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Services team transports an average of 7,200 students on a daily basis to ensure they can safely arrive to and from school;

**WHEREAS**, school bus drivers travel each year on regular routes, field trip routes, vocational routes, and special education routes;

**WHEREAS**, the safety and well-being of children are of utmost concern to all Reynolds families; school administrators entrust school bus drivers with the welfare of these children; the position of a school bus driver requires tremendous responsibility; they are to maneuver through traffic regardless of road conditions while supervising children on the bus and are looked to for leadership and life-saving decision-making in the event of an emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the National Safety Council has documented the far smaller number of accidents and fatalities per capita on school buses than automobiles;

**WHEREAS**, school bus drivers direct children while they are exiting the bus at their destination; school bus drivers are able to observe any suspicious activity or people along their bus route and communicate that information to proper authorities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Reynolds School Board publicly thanks the school bus drivers and transportation office staff for their hard work and dedication to provide a safe ride to and from school for the students in our school district and declare February 22, 2025 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

Adopted this 22 day of January 2025.

Signed:

Chair, Reynolds School Board of Directors

Attest:

Superintendent / Clerk