

BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**PROCLAMATION**

***“School Nutrition Employee Week”***

**May 3-7, 2021**

**Whereas**, the California Department of Education has declared the week of May 3-7, 2021 as “School Nutrition Employee Week;” and

**Whereas**, the dedicated, competent and committed men and women who prepare and serve school meals are tasked with adhering to nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, following strict food safety protocols, and providing nutrition education, all while offering service with a smile; and

**Whereas**, this year, school nutrition professionals rose to the challenge and without hesitation adjusted meal service hours, provided grab-and-go options, and expanded service so that children continued to have dependable access to healthy food during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Whereas**, research shows that school-age children who experience hunger have higher levels of absenteeism, nurse’s visits, and have more challenges than children receiving a well-balanced diet; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Education of Lodi Unified School District wishes to join with the California Department of Education in giving recognition to and expressing its appreciation to these valuable employees and commends their good work on behalf of the District’s children.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of Lodi Unified School District expresses its appreciation to the nutrition service professionals and declares the week of May 3-7, 2021 as **“School Nutrition Employee Week”** in Lodi Unified School District.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

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Ron Freitas, President  
Board of Education

