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

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING MAY 18, 2021 AS SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST DAY IN LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, speech and language disorders are among the most common conditions in school-aged children; and

WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists represent a community of professionals who dedicate their careers to helping children in need and providing support within Lodi Unified School District by providing articulation, voice, fluency, and language therapy for students ages 3 to 22; and

WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists are highly trained professionals who follow strict ethics policies and maintain certification by demonstrating active and ongoing professional development; and

WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, and social communication. In filling this critical role, speech-language pathologists help students develop effective speaking and listening skills and provide the tools that are fundamental for success in personal, academic, and professional relationships; and

WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists are crucial to the District's special education team and are invaluable support resources for classroom teachers, school support staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists across our state have lasting impact on future generations by providing exemplary speech-language services to schools and catering to the individual needs of students across all levels of education; now

THEREFORE, the Lodi Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes and wishes to honor the contribution of speech-language pathologists to quality education in the State of California and in the Lodi Unified School District and proclaims May 18, 2021, as *Speech-Language Pathologist Day*.



PROCLAIMED this 4th day of May 2021

Ron Freitas, President Board of Education, Lodi Unified School District