## WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARTIZONA RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WASHINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (WDEA), ARIZONA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (AEA) AND THE NATIONAL EDUCATION (NEA)

WHEREAS, the Washington Elementary School District Governing Board is committed to promoting excellence in education and ensuring the success of our students; and

WHEREAS, the Washington District Education Association (WDEA) is a local affiliate of the Arizona Education Association (AEA) and the National Education Association (NEA), dedicated to advancing the interests of educators and improving the quality of education in our community; and

WHEREAS, the WDEA, in partnership with AEA and NEA, provides valuable support and resources to our district's faculty and staff, including professional development opportunities, advocacy for fair pay and benefits, and voice in working conditions and climate and culture and

WHEREAS, joining the WDEA is a powerful way for faculty and staff to support and strengthen our local education community, as well as the broader AEA and NEA missions of promoting high-quality public education for all students;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington Elementary School District Governing Board fully supports the WDEA and its affiliation with the AEA and NEA, the largest union in the United States, and encourages all faculty and staff members to become members of these valuable organizations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board recognizes the important role that the WDEA, AEA, and NEA play in supporting our district's faculty and staff and enhancing the quality of education in our community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board pledges to work collaboratively with the WDEA, AEA, and NEA to support our educators and ensure that all students in the Washington Elementary School District have access to a high-quality education.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board directs the Superintendent to communicate this resolution to all faculty and staff members and to take any necessary steps to inform employees about the availability and option of membership in WDEA, AEA, and NEA consistent with District policy and state law.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Washington Elementary School District No. 6 of Maricopa County this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

By: President Vice President Member Member Member