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**Resolution Recognizing the Contribution Marcia Neal Has Made
to the Education of Children in Colorado**

- WHEREAS: Marcia Neal has served on the State Board of Education since January 2009; and
- WHEREAS: During her term of service, she served as a member from 2009 through 2010, Vice-Chairman from 2011 through 2014 and Chairman in 2015 until she resigned in July 2015; and
- WHEREAS: A retired history teacher, Ms. Neal worked with a combined Social Studies group to revive the critical content areas of history, geography, economics and financial literacy within the local curriculum, and;
- WHEREAS: With a congressional region that covers almost 2/3 of the state, Ms. Neal took special interest in rural schools and advocated for their uniqueness as well as their vital importance to the small rural communities; and
- WHEREAS: Ms. Neal, along with the Board as a whole, selected Robert Hammond as Commissioner of Education in 2011; and
- WHEREAS: A passionate advocate for School Trust Lands and revenue they produce, Ms. Neal tirelessly worked to direct attention to this little known area and advocated increased attention to the protection and growth of the Permanent Fund. In addition, Ms. Neal belonged to the western state's Children's Land Alliance Supporting Schools (CLASS), a non-profit alliance of educators, state trustee agencies, and others devoted to raising awareness about school trust lands and their impact on school funding for students. Ms. Neal was selected and will remain on the Board of Governors for CLASS; and
- WHEREAS: Ms. Neal was recognized for her work and support of educators and received the 2014 CASSA Education Leader



Award from the Colorado Association of Senior School Administrators; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Neal is passionate that a State Board member should focus on supporting local schools and providing a buffer between districts and the sometimes overly political atmosphere; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of her service, the State of Colorado has undergone tremendous education reforms including the enactment of Colorado's Achievement Plan for Kids, the Innovation Schools Act, the Licensed Personnel Performance Evaluation Act, the Colorado Reading to Ensure Act, and Student Data Privacy. She, along with the Board, as a whole, supported the Department's long-term and ongoing efforts to implement Colorado's education reform agenda.



NOW THEREFORE
BE IT

RESOLVED: The Colorado State Board of Education formally recognizes Marcia Neal for her six and a half years of dedication to the children of Colorado through her service on the Colorado State Board of Education.

DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2015



Steve Durham, Chairman
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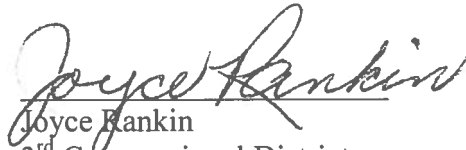
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