

RESOLUTION 2014-28

A Resolution of the Colorado Springs School District Board of Directors Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Historic U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Brown v. the Board of Education*

WHEREAS, Public education is essential to an informed citizenry, the foundation of our democratic society; and

WHEREAS, Access to a public education is the gateway to opportunity, our nation's promise to all; and

WHEREAS, A public education for every citizen regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or economic status is a fundamental civil right under our form of government; and

WHEREAS, On May 17, 1954, in a historic and unanimous decision, the United States Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education* ruled that public education is subject to the equal protection provisions of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The Court based its decision in major part on the premise that to separate children according to their race was unfair, diminishing their hopes and their future aspirations; and

WHEREAS, The Court's pronouncement in *Brown v. Board of Education* validated the struggle and remarkable actions of countless Americans who challenged the destructive effects of segregation in our society through peaceful, lawful means; and

WHEREAS, The Court's decision has had a profound, significant, and beneficial impact on all aspects of life in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Many areas of our nation are still struggling with how to remove the vestiges of segregation in education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN THAT the Board of Directors of the Colorado Springs School District 11 in historic recognition that May 17, 2014, marks the 60th anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is to further a nationwide appreciation for the advancement of democratic principles through our system of law and justice using the unanimous 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* as a touchstone, inspiring all of our nation's children to appreciate the value of public education and public service as a means to further the objectives of democracy, justice and equality; and

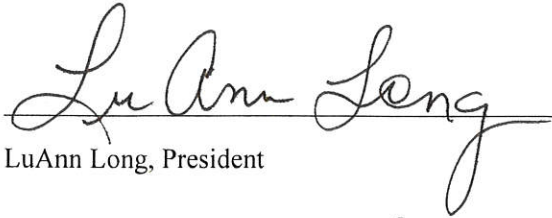
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contributions of civil rights leaders and volunteers, parents and students be recognized, for it is only through their courage, conviction and sacrifice that *Brown v. Board of Education* became a reality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Directors encourages direct student participation through essays, creative arts, lectures, research and writing, community projects, and other activities to foster personal commitment to democracy; and that District 11 schools are encouraged to recognize the anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education* with appropriate ceremony and remembrance.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education on March 12, 2014.



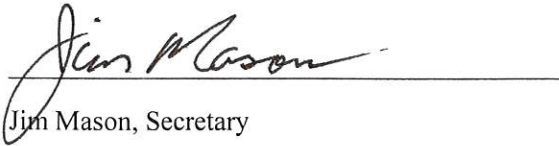
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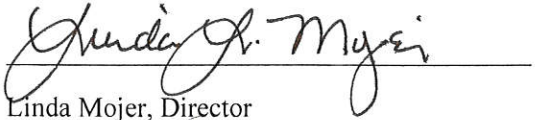
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