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### RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE

### THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF

### THE NATIONAL MOTTO *IN GOD WE TRUST*

WHEREAS, during the Civil War, in response to a public desire for a recognition of the Almighty God in some form on our coins, President Abraham Lincoln signed a law on April 22, 1864 introducing the motto "In God We Trust" to said coinage; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 1956, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law stating that, "The National Motto of the United States is hereby declared to be 'In God We Trust';" and

WHEREAS, the federal courts have repeatedly upheld the constitutionality of the national motto and its uses; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to uphold, affirm, and celebrate the national heritage and the traditions and values which have been the foundation and the sustenance of our nation, as well as elements vital to its future preservation,

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education encourage the appropriate display in schools and other public buildings of the national motto "In God We Trust."

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