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## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW MEXICO'S YEAR OF LITERACY**

*WHEREAS, IN AUGUST OF 2021, DR. KURT STEINHAUS WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY DESIGNATE OF THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; AND*

*WHEREAS, THE SECRETARY DESIGNATE HAS EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS ACROSS NEW MEXICO TO JOIN IN MAKING THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR THE "YEAR OF LITERACY"; AND*

*WHEREAS READING AND WRITING ARE ESSENTIAL FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS IN EVERY CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY AND PATHWAY TO SUCCESS; AND*

*WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS INVESTED IN THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATORS AND HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS TO TEACH READING IN CLASSROOMS ACROSS THE STATE; AND*

*WHEREAS, EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO GRADE-LEVEL CONTENT AND READING MATERIALS THAT ARE CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY RESPONSIVE AND SUSTAINING; AND*

*WHEREAS, INCREASING LITERACY PROFICIENCY IS OF THE UTMOST PRIORITY OF REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES; AND*

**WHEREAS REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES BELIEVES IT IS IMPERATIVE TO INSTILL IN OUR CHILDREN A LIFELONG LOVE OF LEARNING AND READING:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, BY UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ITS MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES ASSOCIATION HERETO DECLARES THIS:**

**THE YEAR OF LITERACY IN NM RECA**

**(FCREC (#1); NWREC (#2); HPREC (#3); NEREC (#4); CREC (#5); EREC (#6); SEREC (#7); PVREC (#8); REC (#9); SWREC (#10))**

Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021:

  
Maria Jaramillo (Oct 14, 2021 14:54 MDT)

Maria Jaramillo, NM RECA President &  
Executive Director, CREC #5



Kelley Alsup (Oct 15, 2021 08:14 MDT)

Kelley Alsup, NM RECA President-Elect &  
Executive Director, PVREC #8

Attested by:



Bobbie J. Gutierrez, NM RECA Executive Director



David Bowman, Executive Director,  
FCREC #1



Adan Delgado, Executive Director,  
NWREC #2



R. Stephen Aguirre (Oct 20, 2021 10:48 MDT)

Steve Aguirre, Executive Director,  
HPREC #3



James Abreu (Oct 14, 2021 18:31 MDT)

Dr. Jim Abreau, Executive Director,  
NEREC #4



Scott McMath (Oct 15, 2021 14:08 MDT)

Scott McMath, Executive Director  
EREC #6



Cliff Burch (Oct 14, 2021 14:30 MDT)

Cliff Burch, Executive Director  
SEREC #7



Bryan Dooley (Oct 14, 2021 15:10 MDT)

Bryan Dooley, Executive Director  
REC #9



Valerie Brea (Oct 14, 2021 14:11 MDT)

Valerie Brea, Executive Director  
SWREC #10