

28 ethnic and cultural groups who have parents and families involved and engaged in their
29 education have strong and consistent gains in their academic performance;

30 WHEREAS, the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) aims to ~~§~~ **[embed**
31 **transformative] support** ~~←~~ **§** family engagement practices, programs, and policies across the
31a educational
32 system so that every parent is treated as a valuable partner in their child's education;

33 WHEREAS, the PTA is the oldest and largest volunteer child advocacy organization in
34 the nation, welcoming within its membership all people dedicated to making a difference in the
35 education, health, and welfare of children and youth;

36 WHEREAS, the PTA serves as a resource to engage and empower families and
37 communities to advocate for both their own children and for all children;

38 WHEREAS, the PTA has given millions of people an opportunity to participate in a
39 meaningful way in schools and in education, thereby benefitting children, themselves, and the
40 nation;

41 WHEREAS, PTA Founders Day has been celebrated each February 17 since the PTA's
42 founding in 1897;

43 WHEREAS, the month of February in 2022 marks the 125th anniversary of the
44 founding of the PTA;

45 WHEREAS, on February 17 through February 19, 1897, Mrs. C. E. Allen and Mrs.
46 Arthur Brown of the International Kindergarten Union in Salt Lake City, Utah attended the first
47 Annual Session of the National Congress of Mothers, which would later be renamed as the
48 PTA, in Washington, D.C.;

49 WHEREAS, the Utah PTA was established not long after the national organization and
50 is the largest and oldest child advocacy organization in Utah; and

51 WHEREAS, continued support of Utah PTA volunteers and their involvement in the
52 schools and in education will strengthen the quality of the educational experience for all Utah
53 children:

54 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
55 Governor concurring therein, honors the 125th anniversary of the Parent Teacher Association
56 and the thousands of hours parent volunteers have dedicated to support the education of Utah's
57 students.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage all