**School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey**

**January 2021**

**Sample Resolution: Municipal Governing Bodies**

*(When local boards of education and municipal governing bodies share a vision, the community and its children benefit. This sample resolution can be adopted by municipal governing bodies to recognize the contributions of their local boards of education.)*

**WHERE,**        New Jersey’s public schools serve approximately 1.4 million children from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

**WHEREAS,**         The direction of public education in New Jersey is charted locally by individual school boards, whose 5,000 members serve as advocates for public education as they work with administrators, teachers, parents and local residents; and

**WHEREAS,**         Boards of education provide accountability to the public, they communicate the needs of the school district to the community, and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the school district; and

**WHEREAS,**         School board members receive no remuneration for their services; and

 **WHEREAS**,        The *(municipal governing body)* is justly proud of the academic, athletic and social achievements of the students in our community; and

**WHEREAS,**         The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2021 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members. Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,**That the *(municipal governing body)* does hereby commend the service of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education and its members to our community and its children; and be it further

**RESOLVED,**  That the *(name of governing body)* proclaims January 2021 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH in *(name of community)*, and urges all citizens to join in recognizing the dedication of local school board members, past and present, as we work together to advance educational opportunities for our children.