## City of Pleasant Hill Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Parent Teacher Association ("PTA"), has been instrumental in establishing programs and services to improve children's lives, including school nutrition programs, child labor laws, public health services, the juvenile justice system, the creation of kindergarten, the advancement of family engagement, and the growth of arts in education; and

WHEREAS, the PTA is the nation's largest volunteer-led child-advocacy association working to drive improvements in the education, health, and well-being of all children and families; and

WHEREAS, the founders of the PTA, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and Selena Sloan Butler, were women of imagination and courage who understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to literally change the world; and

WHEREAS, founded as the National Congress of Mothers, the PTA celebrates the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding on February 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, today, California has local PTAs throughout the state and its members represent the ethnic diversity of the nation and come from the ranks of all families who, together, continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Diablo Council of PTAs, chartered on March 1, 1924, includes: Ayers Elementary PTA, College Park High School PTSA, Delta View Elementary PTA, El Monte Elementary PTA, Gregory Gardens Elementary PTA, Highlands Elementary PTA, Oak Grove Middle School PTSA, Pine Hollow Middle School PTSA, Pleasant Hill Elementary PTA, Pleasant Hill Middle School PTSA, Silverwood Elementary PTA, Strandwood Elementary PTA, Sun Terrace Elementary PTA, Valle Verde Elementary PTA, Valley View Middle School PTSA, Wren Avenue Elementary PTA, Ygnacio Valley Elementary School PTA, and Ygnacio Valley High School PTSA; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Diablo Council of PTAs connect families, schools, and communities; and is part of the foundation of the public education system and a trusted messenger to millions of members, parents, families, educators, and allied agencies throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL G. HARRIS, OD, Mayor of the City of Pleasant Hill, commend the association on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, and do hereby proclaim February 17, 2022 as

## "PTA APPRECIATION DAY"

in the CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and encourage all residents to celebrate this commemorative event.

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MICHAEL G. HARRIS, OD, Mayor February 10, 2022