

SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-11

Recognizing October 16-20, 2023 as
NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, approximately 480,000 yellow school buses carry 25 million children to and from school every weekday; and

WHEREAS, America's 480,000 school buses comprise the largest mass transportation fleet in the country, 2.5 times the size of all other forms of mass transportation - transit, intercity buses, commercial airlines, and rail - combined; and

WHEREAS, during the school year, school buses make more than 50 million passenger trips daily carrying the Nation's future--our children; and

WHEREAS, school bus transportation is eight times safer than traveling in a passenger vehicle and is the safest form of ground transportation available; and

WHEREAS, school buses meet higher construction, equipment, and inspection standards than any other vehicle, and school bus drivers meet higher qualification, training, and testing standards than any other drivers; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Academy of Sciences, an average of 820 students are killed annually during school transportation hours, but less than 2 percent of them are school bus passengers; and

WHEREAS, despite the industry's best efforts, accidents still happen; and

WHEREAS, an average of seven school-age passengers is killed in school bus crashes each year, and an average of 19 children are killed each year getting on and off the bus; and

WHEREAS, most of those killed are children aged five to seven, and most often those children are killed in the area immediately surrounding the bus - either by a passing vehicle or by the bus itself; and

WHEREAS, School Bus Safety Week, which is celebrated in more than 40 States and sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), was created to remind all students of the best ways to get on and off the bus in an effort to enhance the safety of the Nation's children; and

WHEREAS, School Bus Safety Week, which dates back to 1966, also recognizes the hard work and dedication of school transportation personnel, especially the many school bus drivers who ensure a safe journey each and every day; and

WHEREAS, School Bus Safety Week, celebrated the third week in October, promotes awareness through activities built around themes that raise awareness of school bus safety issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Silver Valley Unified School District supports the goals and ideals of School Bus Safety Week, and recognizes October 16-20, 2023 as **School Bus Safety Week**.

**SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Date Adopted: _____