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 EUNICE SCHOOLS; AND

WHEREAS PEÑASCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS BELIEVES IT IS IMPERATIVE TO INSTILL IN OUR CHILDREN A LIFELONG LOVE OF LEARNING AND READING:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD, BY UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ITS MEMBERS, HERETO DECLARES THIS:

THE YEAR OF LITERACY IN PEÑASCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

