**Proclamation** SAMPLE

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**Whereas,** the National Parent Teacher Association (National PTA®) was founded February 17, 1897 by Alice McClellan and Phoebe Apperson Hearst; and

**Whereas,** National PTA’s National Standards for Family-School Partnerships were developed to reflect the most recent research about how parents, schools and communities can work together to support student success; and

**Whereas,** research shows that students with engaged parents are more likely to earn higher grades and pass their classes, attend school regularly, have better social skills, stay enrolled in school and go on to postsecondary education; and

**Whereas,** PTA is keenly aware of the importance of the family-school partnership in children reaching their full potential; and

**Whereas,** expanded and enhanced family engagement in schools across the country helps parents build positive relationships with school staff, connect with other families in the school environment and enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students; and

**Whereas**, family-school connections are fostered by focusing on issues that are important to both schools and families.

**Now, therefore,** I, {name}, {president/position} of the {PTA unit name}, do hereby congratulate {name of school} in {name of city/state} as a National PTA School of Excellence that has succeeded in welcoming and empowering families in our communities to support student success, while continuing to work for school improvement.

**{Signature, Date}**