## **SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1764**

A RESOLUTION recognizing the week of February 24, 2020, as National Public Schools Week.

WHEREAS, National Public Schools Week honors the 50.8 million students, 3.2 million teachers and hundreds of thousands of specialists, administrators and support staff working in public schools today; and

WHEREAS, Nine out of ten American children attend public schools. Public schools must provide an environment where all students can succeed in their earliest years, regardless of their background; and

WHEREAS, Great public schools are necessary to ensure that students have inviting classrooms, school libraries with up-to-date resources and well-prepared educators. Educators include teachers, paraprofessionals and principals who provide a well-rounded curriculum and foster a joy for learning in their students; and

WHEREAS, The nation's public schools should maintain class sizes that allow students to have one-on-one attention and access to support services such as healthcare, nutrition and after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, Local, state and federal lawmakers should prioritize support for strengthening the nation's public schools and empower local education leaders to manage and lead school districts in partnership with educators, parents and other local education stakeholders and learning communities; and

WHEREAS, Every child has the right to receive an education that helps them reach their full potential and attend schools that offer a high-quality educational experience; and

WHEREAS, Students, teachers and professionals continue to make public schools a vital part of the nation's success. Nationwide, parents and communities are working hard every day to improve educational outcomes for public school students: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the week of February 24, 2020, as National Public Schools Week.

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Baumgardner and Senator Sykes.

Senate Resolution No. 1764 was sponsored by Senators Molly Baumgardner and Dinah H. Sykes.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution originated in the Senate, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.