# RESOLUTION 2022-01

# REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF STATE BRAILLE STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that, in the case of a child who is blind or visually impaired, the individualized education program (IEP) team must provide for instruction in Braille and the use of Braille unless the IEP team determines, after an evaluation of the child’s reading and writing skills, needs, and appropriate reading and writing media (including an evaluation of the child’s future needs for instruction in Braille or the use of Braille), that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate for the child; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico, during its 2021 state convention held on August 28, 2021, passed Resolution 2021-01, which called upon the state of New Mexico to recognize Braille reading and writing standards that had been developed by a committee of six highly experienced educators of blind students, calling upon the New Mexico Public Education Department to adopt the Braille reading and writing standards as policy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Braille reading and writing standards have been endorsed by the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and by the New Mexico Commission for the Blind:

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico assembled in convention in the city of Albuquerque this 27th day of August, 2022, that the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico reaffirms Resolution 2021-01, and calls upon the New Mexico Public Education Department to promptly enact the proposed Braille reading and writing standards.