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WHEREAS; \_\_\_\_\_ [district name] was founded in \_\_\_ [year] to respond to the needs of this community to educate our youth and provide area employers with life-long learners and future workers with capacity for specialized training; and

WHEREAS; \_\_\_\_\_ [district name] has been awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, Electric School Bus grant program, making our district’s students, drivers, and teachers renewable energy pioneers in the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS; The MN Electric School Bus grant program was established by the state legislature in 2023 to accelerate the deployment of electric school buses and to encourage use of vehicle electrification as a teaching tool integrated into the school’s curriculum; and

WHEREAS; Districts and communities receiving a MN Electric School Bus grant are encouraged to promote their winning of the grant and its long-term positive impacts; and

WHEREAS; Electric school bus benefits include:

* Cleaner air for better health: since they don’t have to burn diesel or gas, an electric school bus does not emit pollutants or unpleasant smells while in operation.
* Reduced costs: electric school buses are cheaper to operate and maintain than diesel buses.
* Quiet: Electric school buses are quieter, which helps with student management.
* Proven in Minnesota: electric school buses have already operated in in Minnesota school districts, keeping students and drivers warm, safe, and on time even in winter.
* A teaching opportunity: schools can use electric school buses to enhance curriculum at any grade level. From teaching about the mechanics of maintaining electric vehicles to the science of greenhouse gas emissions, electric school buses can provide a hands-on learning opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I/WE, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [school board chair/members], on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ [district] do hereby proclaim \_\_\_\_ [date] as ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS DAY.

[Insert your seal and signatures here.]