

# Proclamation

## October 2017 Martinez Education Foundation Month

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1984, Martinez Education Foundation (MEF) Month is a broadly based, nonprofit community organization, with a volunteer board working exclusively to secure and allocate contributions for the benefit of the students in the Martinez School District; and

**WHEREAS**, MEF has raised over \$2.5 million for grant awards to Martinez schools; and

**WHEREAS**, MEF has established Busi-Kids, a partnership with Martinez business and community members, who are also committed to providing funds to enhance the educational opportunities of our children; and

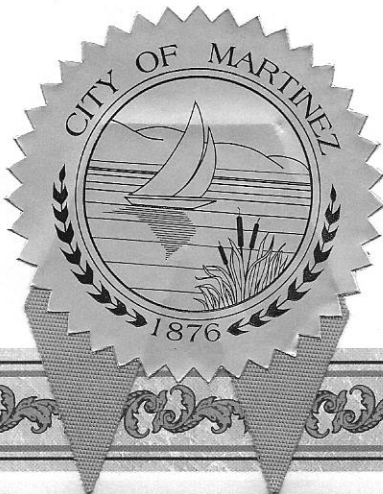
**WHEREAS**, MEF has partnered with Shell Oil Products to establish the Shell/MEF Run For Education, an annual race through the streets of Martinez, whose revenue helps subsidize the huge gap in state funding necessary to guarantee our students quality programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, funding of programs within the Martinez Unified School District is a collaborative process between MEF, the district and the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the MEF Board meets with leaders at the schools and the district to identify and prioritize funding needs; and

**WHEREAS**, MEF maintains responsibility for ensuring that funds are directed towards programs that advance the Foundation's mission and funding decisions are made on an annual basis for the following school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Rob Schroder, Mayor of the City of Martinez, on behalf of the Martinez City Council, do hereby declare October 2017 as Martinez Education Foundation Month.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Martinez to be affixed hereto this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

**Rob Schroder, Mayor**