RESOLUTION NO. 39-15 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE PERSONAL BELIEFS EXEMPTION DEADLINE TO JULY 1, 2016

DECEMBER 16, 2015

WHEREAS, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 277 on June 30, 2015;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 277 eliminates exemptions from vaccinations for personal beliefs beginning January 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, the elimination of the personal beliefs exemption is a major longstanding change in public policy;

WHEREAS, many members of the public were not aware of the changes made by Senate Bill 277;

WHEREAS, many of the other provisions of Senate Bill 277 do not become operative until July 1, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the differing effective date of January 1 and operative date of July 1, 2016, has created confusion among members of the public;

WHEREAS, the California Legislature should amend Senate Bill 277 to extend the deadline to file personal beliefs exemptions to July 1, 2016, to make the effective date and operative date of Senate Bill 277 consistent and transparent to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Orange County Board of Education urges the California Legislature to amend Senate Bill 277 to extend the deadline for filing exemptions for personal beliefs to July 1, 2016.
- 2. The Orange County Board of Education requests that the staff of the Orange County Superintendent of Schools work with the Legislature and the State Board of Education to extend the deadline for filing personal beliefs exemptions to July 1, 2016.

Dated: December 16, 2015

Robert M. Hammond Board President