

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Resolution Honoring the 60th Anniversary of the Landmark**  
**U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Brown V. Board of Education**

**WHEREAS**, public education is essential to an informed citizenry, the foundation of our democratic society; and

**WHEREAS**, access to a public education is the gateway to opportunity, our nation's promise to all; and

**WHEREAS**, a public education for every citizen regardless of race, religion, ethnic background, or economic circumstance is a fundamental civil right under our form of government; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 1954, in a historic and unanimous decision, the United States Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education* ruled that public education is subject to the equal protection provisions of the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the court based its decision in major part on the premise that to separate children according to their race was unfair, diminishing their hopes and their future aspirations; and

**WHEREAS**, the court's pronouncement in *Brown v. Board of Education* validated the struggle and remarkable actions of countless Americans who challenged the destructive effects of segregation in our society through peaceful, lawful means; and

**WHEREAS**, the court's decision has had a profound, significant, and beneficial impact on all aspects of life in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, many areas of our nation are still struggling with how to remove the vestiges of segregation in education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Orange County Board of Education in historic recognition that MAY 17, 2014 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Landmark U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Brown V. Board of Education*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution is to further a nationwide appreciation for the advancement of democratic principles through our system of law and justice using the unanimous 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* as a touchstone; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to inspire all of our nation's children, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability or economic status, to appreciate the value of public education and public service as a means to further the objectives of democracy, justice and equality; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Orange County Board of Education encourages direct student participation through essays, creative arts, lectures, research and writing, community projects, and other activities to foster personal commitment to democracy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the contributions of civil rights leaders and volunteers, parents and students be recognized, for it is only through their courage, conviction and sacrifice that *Brown v. Board of Education* became a reality; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that on the date of May 17th our nation's public schools are encouraged to mark the anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education* with an appropriate ceremony and remembrance; and

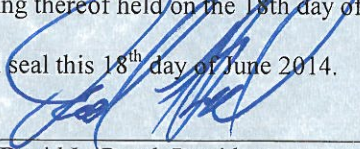
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Orange County Department of Education recognizes May 17th, 2014, as the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

AYES: Bedell Hammond  
Boyd Parker Williams NOES:  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

ABSENT:

I, **David L. Boyd**, President, Board of Education of Orange County, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014.

  
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David L. Boyd, President  
Orange County Board of Education