

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Resolution Honoring MEMORIAL DAY - May 26, 2014

WHEREAS, school boards, educators, teachers, school administrators and staff play a significant role in the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a national holiday whereby Americans, veterans service organizations, and elected officials celebrate with patriotic and memorial ceremonies at monuments and cemeteries here in Orange County and throughout this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution affirms in Article IX, Section 1, "A general diffusion of knowledge and intelligence being essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people, the Legislature shall encourage by all suitable means the promotion of intellectual, scientific, moral, and agricultural improvement"; and

WHEREAS, since our Nation's founding, America's sons and daughters have given their lives in service to our country, from Concord and Gettysburg, to Marne and Normandy, from Inchon and Khe Sanh, to Baghdad and Kandahar; and they departed our world as heroes and gave their lives for a cause greater than themselves; and

WHEREAS, instruction of American history and the knowledge of courageous military veterans fighting for American liberties and freedoms, is an essential component of our education process because it passes this memory and knowledge unto each generation of American children in our schools; and

WHEREAS, we honor the service and sacrifice of our disabled veterans and our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action who should never be forgotten, and we acknowledge the sacrifice and sorrow of parents who lost sons or daughters, spouses, and children due to the war and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress, by a Joint Resolution, approved May 11, 1950, as amended (36 U.S.C. 116), has requested the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer. The Congress, by Public Law 106-579, has also designated 3:00 p.m. local time on that day as a time for all Americans to observe, in their own way, the National Moment of Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, citizens and their elected government should encourage educating America's children in our schools about American patriotism and the relevance of Memorial Day by having the opportunity of participating in a symbolic act to respectfully honor the memory and actions of America's heroes, and

WHEREAS, on May 26th of this year our citizens will recognize Memorial Day by paying tribute to over one million American men and women who gave their lives in service to our country in defense of our precious freedoms, and will honor many more who are prepared to do the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Orange County Department of Education recognizes May 26th, 2014, as Memorial Day and expresses its support of this moment in the Month of May.

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

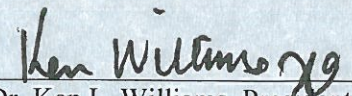
NOES:
ABSTAIN: Parker

ABSENT:

I, **Dr. Ken L. Williams**, 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 13th day of June 2013 and passed by a 4-0-1 vote of said Board Members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of June 2013.

Resolution #16-13


Dr. Ken L. Williams, President
Orange County Board of Education