

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Resolution on Veterans Day

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution shapes the culture, institutions, and beliefs of the American people. It articulates, "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America"; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence declares, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"; and

WHEREAS, to preserve liberties, constitutional rights, and pursuit of happiness, our armed forces and veterans left their worldly possessions and everything they loved, and served with exemplary dedication and courage, so we could all appreciate a safer America and a more just world; and

WHEREAS, an Act of the U.S. Congress (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." The 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veteran"; and

WHEREAS, our veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces have weathered and experienced life in ways the people of this nation may never fully understand, and it is our duty and responsibility to acknowledge their fearless efforts and spirit to protect and defend our nation's liberties, constitutional rights, and freedom of expression; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, and every day, let us show them the extraordinary gratitude they so rightly deserve, and let us recommit this nation to the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, pledging our full support for all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Orange County Board of Education hereby proclaims November 11, 2016, as Veterans Day by recognizing the valor and sacrifice of our veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces through appropriate public ceremonies and prayers. We call upon all Americans, including civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, and communities to support this day with commemorative expressions and programs.

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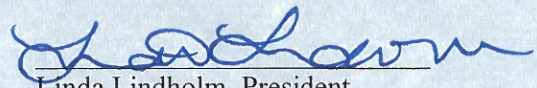
NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, Linda Lindholm, President of the 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 16th day of November 2016 and passed by a vote of 5-0.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of November 2016.


Linda Lindholm, President
Orange County Board of Education