

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

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
May 7, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

**WHEREAS**, The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

**WHEREAS**, The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Orange County Department of Education recognizes May 7, 2015 as the National Day of Prayer and affirms it as a part of our great American heritage.

**AYES:** *Bedell, Boyd, Hammond, Lindholm, Williams*

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE**

**I, Dr. Ken L. Williams**, President of the Board of Education in 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 15th day of April 2015.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of April 2015.

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