

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thanksgiving Day – Resolution

Whereas, on Thanksgiving Day, Americans traditionally gather with family and friends to recount the joys and blessings in our lives and the past year. Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, and has long been celebrated in a secular manner as well; and

Whereas, on Thanksgiving Day, Americans come together to celebrate this most American tradition, grateful for the blessings of family, community, and country; and

Whereas, Thanksgiving annually reminds us to recall the spirit of compassion and mutual responsibility that distinguishes the United States of America as the greatest country in the world since its earliest days; and

Whereas, in 1621, the Pilgrims in Plymouth, Massachusetts gave thanks for a bountiful harvest and enjoyed the fruits of their labor with the Native Americans. When President George Washington marked our country's first Thanksgiving, he prayed to our Creator for peace, union, and plenty. And when our Nation was torn by civil war, President Abraham Lincoln reminded us we were one Nation that could bend but would not break; and

Whereas, this Thanksgiving, thousands of our men and women in uniform who serve in our military will sit down for a meal far from their families at home. We honor their service and sacrifice that gives us our freedom and liberties; and,

Whereas, in Orange County, there are many students the Orange County Department of Education impacts and serves such as the blind schools, homeless population, high risk youth, incarcerated youth; and

Whereas, this day allows Americans and the employees and their families of the Orange County Department of Education to reflect upon the many blessings and the kindnesses shared in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Orange County Board of Education does hereby proclaim Thursday, November 27, 2014, as a National Day of Thanksgiving. Let us spend this day by lifting up those we love, mindful of the grace bestowed upon us by God and by all who have made our lives richer.

AYES: BEDELL, BOYD, HAMMOND, LINDHOLM, WILLIAMS

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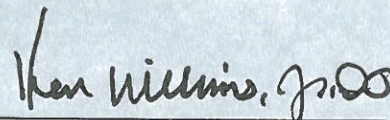
ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

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 12th day of November 2014 and passed by a 5-0 vote of said Board Members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of November 2014.



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