

**RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE  
THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
AND THE BIRTH OF THE UNITED STATES**

**October 9, 2024**

*WHEREAS*, the founding of the United States was marked by the Declaration of Independence in 1776, based on self-evident truths that “all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,” including the rights to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”; and

*WHEREAS*, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were approved by “We the People” to establish a new government in order to “form a more perfect Union”; and

*WHEREAS*, Orange County is among the largest and most diverse counties in the United States, attracting people from across the globe to enjoy the rights and responsibilities bestowed by our Founders and strengthened throughout our history; and

*WHEREAS*, the Orange County Board of Education (“Board”) “provides educational opportunities for Orange County students, promotes student achievement, and offers leadership, services, and resources for Orange County school districts, educators, and the community”; and

*WHEREAS*, the mission of the Orange County Superintendent of Schools (“Superintendent”) is “to ensure that all students are equipped with the competencies they need to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and to provide services and support to school districts, charter schools and community partners; and

*WHEREAS*, those students served by the Board and Superintendent are the next generation to build upon our shared heritage and shoulder the responsibilities as citizens in a government “by the people, of the people, and for the people”; and

*WHEREAS*, civic literacy, civility in public discourse, and civic engagement are essential to a thriving democratic republic and should be promoted in our schools and society at large.

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board and Superintendent strongly endorse the goals and objectives of USA250-OC to celebrate and commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States by engaging all sectors of Orange County communities through the following:

- Advancing the aspirations embodied in the Declaration of Independence, and promoting an understanding of the principles underlying the framework of our government set forth in the Constitution and the freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

- Inspiring the American spirit through recognition of our shared heritage, common rights and responsibilities, and respect for each other as citizens of a free country.
- Equipping our citizens and residents, especially our students, to engage in the civic life of our community without regard to ethnicity, national origin, religion, or political affiliation.
- Reflecting on the origin of Orange County, its history and its place in the unfolding history of the United States.
- Celebrating with our friends, families, local governments and institutions to listen and learn from our history and each other as we continue our journey to "a more perfect union."

RESOLVED this ninth day of October, 2024.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

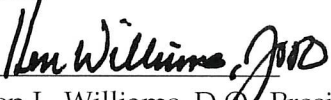
STATE OF CALIFORNIA )

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COUNTY OF ORANGE )

I, Dr. Ken Williams, President of the Orange County Board of Education, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board a regular meeting thereof held on the ninth day of October 2024, and passed by 5-0 vote of said board members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of October 2024.

  
Ken L. Williams, D.O., President  
Orange County Board Education

I, Dr. Stefan Bean, Orange County Superintendent of Schools, hereby endorse and support the goals and objectives of USA 250-OC by my signature below.

  
Dr. Stefan Bean  
Orange County Superintendent of Schools