

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud, known as the “Afghan Napoleon” and the “Lion of Panjshir” was a founding father of the resistance against the Soviet invasion in the 1980s and then against the Taliban and al-Qaeda in the 1990s; AND

WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud, is recognized as a legendary guerilla leader and the anticommunist and antiterrorist resistance leader for his major contributions towards securing an independent Afghanistan; AND


WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud’s unrivaled devotion to his people and country allow his legacy to live on after he was assassinated by al-Qaeda just two days prior to 9/11; AND

WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud’s aspiration for a Free Afghanistan that is an ally of the United States of America lives on in the National Resistance Front of Afghanistan now led by his son Commander Ahmad Massoud; AND

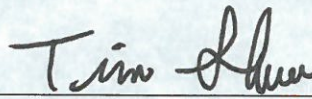
WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud, inspired the formation of VETS4NRF, a Nebraska based non-profit organization which strives to show the gratitude of the Afghan people to the 800,000 American veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom, and continues to improve the relationship between Afghanistan and the United States of America; AND

WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud, inspired the formation of Massoud Foundation USA that provides meals, water and education to women and children of Afghanistan.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on May 3, 2023, the Orange County Board of Education declares September 9, 2023 as Massoud Day.



Lisa Sparks, Ph.D., President



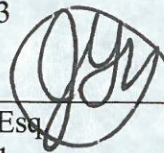
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