

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**Recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, resulting in the deaths of millions of additional victims and representing one of the gravest atrocities in human history; and

**WHEREAS**, January 27 marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp, where more than 1.1 million people were murdered, including approximately one million Jews; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day to honor the victims of the Holocaust and to promote education, remembrance, and vigilance against genocide; and

**WHEREAS**, antisemitism and anti-Jewish violence have increased at alarming rates in California and across the United States, with anti-Jewish bias events accounting for a disproportionate share of reported religious hate crimes, despite Jewish people comprising a small percentage of the population; and

**WHEREAS**, Holocaust denial, distortion, and minimization are on the rise, including the use of Nazi symbols and rhetoric, underscoring the urgent need for accurate historical education and moral clarity, particularly within school communities; and

**WHEREAS**, education about the Holocaust plays a critical role in helping students understand the consequences of hatred and dehumanization, fostering empathy, critical thinking, and respect for human dignity, and reinforcing the values of democracy and inclusion;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Orange County Board of Education** hereby recognizes **January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Board of Education honors the memory of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and all others who were persecuted and murdered by the Nazi regime and its collaborators; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to combating antisemitism, racism, and all forms of hatred through education, truth, and remembrance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Board of Education encourages schools, educators, students, and the broader community to observe this day through age-appropriate learning, reflection, and dialogue, recognizing that understanding the past is essential to ensuring a safer and more inclusive future for all.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Orange County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 2, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

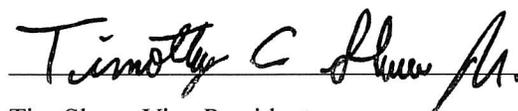
NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

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