

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Resolution Honoring MEMORIAL DAY - May 25, 2026

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress, by a Joint Resolution, approved May 11, 1950, as amended (36 U.S.C. 116), requests the President of the United States to issue a proclamation calling on the people of this country to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States may unite in prayer. The Congress, by Public Law 106-579, has designated 3:00 p.m. local time on that day as a time for all Americans to observe, in their own way, the National Moment of Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution affirms in Article IX, Section 1, "A general diffusion of knowledge and intelligence being essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people, the Legislature shall encourage by all suitable means the promotion of intellectual, scientific, moral, and agricultural improvement"; and

WHEREAS, school boards, educators, teachers, school administrators and staff play a significant role in the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a national celebration whereby students, parents, veterans service organizations, and elected officials celebrate with patriotic and memorial ceremonies at monuments, civic centers, parks, schools, and cemeteries in Orange County and throughout this great nation; and

WHEREAS, since our Nation's founding, America's sons and daughters have given their lives in service to our country, from Concord and Gettysburg, to Marne and Normandy, from Inchon and Khe Sanh, to Baghdad and Kandahar; and they laid down their lives as the greatest sacrifice for a cause greater than themselves; and

WHEREAS, the instruction and inculcation of American history and the knowledge of military veterans fighting for American liberties and freedoms, is an essential component of our American education process because it passes this remembrance and knowledge unto subsequent generations of American children in our schools; and

WHEREAS, we honor the service and sacrifice of our disabled veterans, prisoners of war, those Americans missing in action who should never be forgotten. As educators and leaders in education in Orange County we acknowledge the sacrifice and sorrow of parents who lost sons or daughters, spouses, and children due to the war and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, citizens and their elected government should encourage educating America's children in our schools about American patriotism and the relevance of Memorial Day by having the opportunity of participating in a symbolic act to respectfully honor the memory and actions of America's heroes, and

WHEREAS, on May 25th of this year our students, parents, and citizens will recognize Memorial Day by honoring over one million American men and women who gave their lives in service to our country in defense of our treasurable freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Orange County Department of Education recognizes May 25th, 2026, as Memorial Day and expresses its support of this moment in the Month of May. We likewise encourage our students to participate in Memorial Day events and learn more of American history.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, Mari Barke, Board President of the 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 6th day of May 2026.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of May 2026.



Mari Barke
President, Orange County Board of Education