



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

September 3, 2025

RED RIBBON WEEK, October 23 - October 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education supports the annual RED RIBBON WEEK campaign and year-round prevention education efforts;

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week is recognized nationwide as a tribute to Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who lost his life battling the illegal drug trade, and serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth about the benefits of healthy, drug-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, health and prevention education is important to empowering youth to make healthy choices, and schools and districts are encouraged to analyze data on substance use trends, especially trending issues like fentanyl and vaping, to guide prevention and education efforts tailored to their student populations; and

WHEREAS, by working together, schools and communities can actively engage youth through outreach, education, and youth-leadership opportunities that empower them to make healthy, drug-free choices and encourage their participation in drug prevention campaigns; and

WHEREAS, schools, local governments, businesses, law enforcement agencies, faith-based and community organizations, and the general public in Orange County join together to demonstrate their shared commitment to fostering safe, healthy, and drug-free communities by displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign and supporting drug-free messages year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Education does hereby proclaim **October 23 - October 31, 2025** as "RED RIBBON WEEK" in Orange County, and encourages all Orange County schools and community members to promote alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention and education programs that engage youth and promote a healthy drug-free lifestyle.

RESOLVED this 3rd day of September, 2025

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, Mari Barke, President of the Orange County Board of Education, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of September 2025, and passed by 5-0 vote of said Board members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of September, 2025.

Mari Barke

Mari Barke, Board President
Orange County Board of Education