

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of Proclaiming the Value and Support of)
Civic Education in Fresno Unified School District)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the district to prepare all students to be responsible, engaged, well-adjusted young adults, ready for college, career and civic life and,

WHEREAS, it is our shared responsibility with the community at large to demonstrate and promote active citizenship to foster conditions to ensure each generation strives to provide liberty and justice for all and,

WHEREAS, schools have been and remain a primary place for our youth to learn the civic knowledge, skills and values needed to effectively participate in our democracy and,

WHEREAS, the district supports the Six Proven Practices in Civic Education, which are:

1. classroom instruction in government, history, law and democracy;
2. discussion of current events;
3. service-learning;
4. extra-curricular or co-curricular activities;
5. student voice in school governance; and,
6. simulations of democratic processes; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to see Civic Engagement find ways to touch and inspire all students throughout the district during the school year and,

WHEREAS, while schools have a key role to play, this needs to be a community-wide effort and the schools, parents and community organizations need to work together and,

WHEREAS, the strength of our democracy depends on the active participation of all of its citizens, regardless of age, and voter registration and participation of youth is historically low and,

WHEREAS, young people play a critical role in our democracy by helping to choose the people who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them,

WHEREAS, the goals of Civic Education for our students include a vibrant, informed civic life, and democratic ideas,-which also helps teach students the skills they need for the 21st century workplace, such as critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, initiative, and innovation and,

WHEREAS, in addition, Civic Education can improve school climate, lower a schools' dropout rate and promote academic achievement, consistent with California State Standards and,

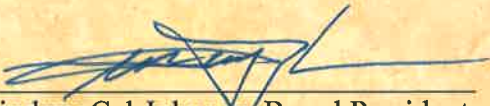
WHEREAS, it is important to provide faculty with the training and tools necessary to make Civic Education a focus from school year to school year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Fresno Unified School District hereby proclaims the value and support of Civic Education and is committed to efforts aimed at the development of civic literacy of all its students.


FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Fresno Unified School District will lead by example on what good participatory citizenship looks like by considering the needs of parents and students; thoroughly deliberating issues that come before us, working collaboratively, and appropriately delegating and supporting the Superintendent, Principals and Teachers in carrying out the vision of the district so that our students' interests are best served.

ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2015

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSENT: _____



Lindsay Cal Johnson, Board President



Michael E. Hanson, Superintendent