

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

**Recognizing the Importance of Easter in Orange County**

**WHEREAS**, Easter is a holiday of great significance to many Americans representing numerous cultures and nationalities and is celebrated annually throughout the world, the United States and Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, Easter is important for its religious meaning as well as a time of celebrating Spring, family, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, Christians and Christianity have contributed greatly to the development of Orange County from the time of Junípero Serra to today; and

**WHEREAS**, the California History-Social Science Content Standards include Christianity among the various major world religions that students are to learn about related to history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, California Education Code 51511 allows for public school teachers to appropriately teach about religion:

**Education Code (State Law) 51511**

“Nothing in this code shall be construed to prevent, or exclude from the public schools, references to religion or references to or the use of religious literature, art, or music or other things having a religious significance when such references or uses do not constitute instruction in religious principles or aid to any religious sect, church, creed, or sectarian purpose and when such references or uses are incidental to or illustrative of matters properly included in the course of study.”

**THEREFORE**, the Orange County Board of Education—

1. acknowledges the historical and present day importance of Easter and Christians to the culture of Orange County; and
2. expresses its deepest respect to Christians throughout Orange County during this time as they commemorate and celebrate their belief in the resurrection of Jesus; and
3. affirms educators may teach about Easter in conformance with California state standards and as part of acknowledging the cultural make up of their classrooms and communities.

**AYES:** *Bedell, Hammond, Lindholm, Williams*

**NOES:** *0*

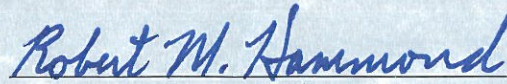
**ABSENT:** *0*

**ABSTAIN:** *Boyd*

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE**

I, **Robert Hammond**, President to 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 10th day of March 2016.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of March 2016.

  
Robert Hammond, President  
Orange County Board of Education