

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools

WHEREAS, preparing each generation to understand and support democratic principles is the responsibility of our schools and citizenry and was a founding principle among our Nation's founders who fostered a free public education for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, poll after poll reflects that "educating young people for responsible citizenship" should be the primary purpose of our schools; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that our schools are an effective place to provide instruction and that early adolescence is a particularly critical time for civic education; and

WHEREAS, the democratic principles that underlie our society, the structure and functions of government, and the rights, responsibilities and participation of citizens should be a continual and meaningful part of instruction throughout every child's education; and

WHEREAS, the history social science framework and state law that guides California schools in this area requires only a single semester-long course in government in the twelfth grade and does not provide systematic or sustained attention to civic education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kern County Board of Education supports and encourages all efforts to promote the practices of democracy at school, home and in our community.

BY ORDER OF THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: September 12, 2006



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Ex Officio Secretary
Kern County Superintendent of Schools