

**CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION #17/18-09
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 AS
CONSTITUTION DAY**

WHEREAS, preparing each generation to understand and support democratic principles is the responsibility of all of our institutions and was a primary reason for the creation of public schools; and

WHEREAS, our citizens have overwhelmingly agreed over the course of 35 years of Gallup polling 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 systematic and sustained instruction in and opportunities for the application of democratic principles 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 importance of pupils’ grasp of the concepts of civic responsibility and respect for others cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, the history-social science framework goals now guiding California schools call for the integration of knowledge and cultural understanding, democratic understanding, civic values and skills attainment, and social participation at every grade level; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has designated September 17th as Constitution Day, and which day will fall on a weekend this year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Central Unified School District does hereby recognize September 18, 2017 as Constitution Day and will continue to reinforce character and civic education at all grade levels in the interest of supporting the growth and development of all students as productive citizens of California and the United States of America.

The foregoing resolution, proclaiming September 18, 2017 as Constitution Day, was adopted this 12th day of September, 2017 by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Abstentions: _____

Absent: _____

Cesar Granda
President, Board of Trustees

Mark G. Sutton
Superintendent