Resolution

CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION #18/19-08
CONSTITUTION DAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

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 33 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; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has designated September 17 as Constitution Day,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Central Unified School District does hereby recognize September 17, 2018 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.

Approved this 11th day of September, 2018.

Ayes:
Noes:

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Mr. Cesar Granda   Mr. Andrew G. Alvarado
President, Board of Trustees   District Superintendent