

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

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 26–May 2, 2026, has been designated National Apprenticeship Week to recognize the vital role Registered Apprenticeship programs play in developing a skilled workforce and strengthening our regional economy; and

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in Orange County, CA are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, placing new and expanded responsibilities on our educational system to prepare students and adult learners for high-wage, high-demand careers; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable individuals to earn while they learn through paid on-the-job training with mentorship, receive related classroom instruction, and attain portable, nationally recognized credentials aligned to regional workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Department of Education serves as a Registered Apprenticeship Program Sponsor, demonstrating its leadership and commitment to expanding equitable access to high-quality, industry-aligned career pathways that meet the current and future workforce demands of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs provide employers with a proven strategy to develop, train, and retain a highly skilled workforce while strengthening partnerships among education, business, labor, and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, educators, administrators, school counselors, and industry partners play a pivotal role in promoting awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities and supporting students and adult learners in pursuing meaningful, gainful employment;

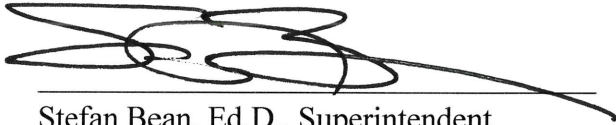
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Stefan Bean, Superintendent of Schools for Orange County, and the Orange County Board of Education, do hereby declare April 26–May 2, 2026, as “**National Apprenticeship Week**” in Orange County, CA, and encourage all stakeholders to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs and promote their continued growth and expansion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Orange County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 8, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0

ABSENT:
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereby affix our signatures in support of this proclamation.



Stefan Bean, Ed.D., Superintendent
Orange County Department of Education



Mari Barke, President
Orange County Board of Education



Tim Shaw, Vice President
Orange County Board of Education



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