

**SPENCER VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution 15-001**

**Resolution in Support of the San Diego County Board of Education
Civic Learning, College, Career, and Civic Life**

WHEREAS, schools are a critical place for students to develop civic knowledge, skills and values needed to effectively contribute to and participate in our democracy;

WHEREAS, the success of the nation and state depends on education, informed and engaged citizens and residents, and California currently ranks 38th of 50 states in civic engagement;

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2015, the San Diego County Board of Education adopted a resolution in Support for Civic Learning, College, Career, and Civic Life;

WHEREAS, Spencer Valley School District recognizes the San Diego County Board of Education's efforts to develop students' civic literacy directly in the programs the San Diego County Office of Education operates and through partnerships with Spencer Valley Elementary School District;

WHEREAS, the National Council for Social Studies framework guidance enhances the rigor of K-12 civics education and has identified Six Proven Practices in Civic Learning:

- Classroom instruction in government, history, geography, law, democracy and economics;
- Discussion of current events and controversial issues;
- Service learning experiences that are directly linked to curriculum and instruction;
- Extracurricular activities;
- Student participation in school governance; and
- Simulations of democratic processes; and

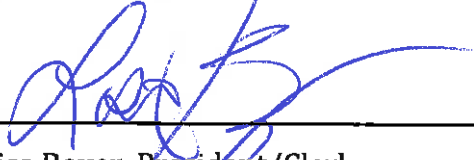
WHEREAS, the Common Core standards in History/Social Science work require that students learn to analyze multiple perspectives and be able to determine the central ideas or information of a primary and secondary source;

WHEREAS, the Spencer Valley Elementary School District recognizes the urgent need and many benefits of civic learning that are essential to prepare students for college, career and citizenship as outlined in Revitalizing K-12 Civic Learning in California: A Blueprint For Action. A Report By The Task Force ON K-12 Civic Learning;

WHEREAS, the Spencer Valley Elementary School District has a history of supporting staff development and curriculum writing outreach through the California On My Honor: Civics Institute for Teachers Program, a partnership between California State University San Marcos and the Administrative Office of the Courts of California (California Office of the Supreme Court);

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that through these many efforts, the Spencer Valley Elementary School District Board of Education will promote community and district students' civic literacy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of October, 2015, at the regular meeting of the Spencer Valley Elementary School District Board of Education.



Lisa Boyer, President/Clerk



Julie Z. Weaver, Superintendent