

## High School Voter Education Weeks

**WHEREAS**, The right to vote is a fundamental underpinning of democracy – one that must be personally cherished, practiced, and championed as a critical civic duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Voting is the cornerstone of a free and peaceable society that allows individual and community expression as to who will rightfully lead a particular body of the governed; and

**WHEREAS**, Becoming an educated and committed voter is an important act of an engaged citizen willing to take action at the ballot box to impact the direction of their neighborhood, community and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Focused education, outreach, and registration efforts are vital to attracting new voters to the process and increasing election-day turnout -- especially among younger voters and the traditionally underrepresented who bring new life, energy, and perspective to the issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Just as the act of voting is such an important part of civic life, so, too, are the traits that make for an educated voter so critical – traits such as discernment, thoughtful deliberation, fair assessment, and the desire to be fully informed on the issues before casting a ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, By reaching out early and often to students, we can help them develop these traits and nurture a strong and lasting appreciation for the value of their individual vote, as well as the enormity of each and every vote, taken collectively, to influence the course of elections;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board of the Elk Grove Unified School District declare September 19-30, 2016, as High School Voter Education Weeks and encourage schools throughout the District to participate in programs and activities that help get eligible students registered to vote, while encouraging others to become informed and passionate citizens committed to being active voters once they reach voting age.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Christopher R. Hoffman  
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