

**RESOLUTION OF THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY AND
INSPIRING RISE STUDENTS THROUGH CIVIC EDUCATION**

In Re:

RECOGNITION IN CELEBRATION OF
AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY
AND INSPIRING RISE STUDENTS
THROUGH CIVIC EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. _____

February 10, 2026

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will celebrate its 250th anniversary, the Semiquincentennial, marking the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of our nation;

WHEREAS, the Founders, guided by faith and conviction, pledged their lives to establish a nation dedicated to liberty, self-governance, and the unalienable rights of all, as enshrined in our founding documents;

WHEREAS, America's history is one of perseverance, sacrifice, and achievement, in which generations of patriots have defended our freedoms, advanced prosperity, and upheld the blessings of liberty;

WHEREAS, instilling respect for our flag, Constitution, and founding principles in each new generation is vital to preserving the Republic and its values;

WHEREAS, a strong republic relies on an educated citizenry, and schools are vital in fostering the civic virtues and knowledge essential for self-governance and gratitude for our national heritage to form a more perfect union for future generations;

WHEREAS, schools are vital in educating students to uphold America's founding principles, honor the sacrifices made for our freedoms, and recognize our nation's triumphs and challenges as a force for good worthy of protection; and

WHEREAS, the Semiquincentennial offers a historic opportunity to celebrate America's 250th anniversary, fostering patriotism and unity through meaningful activities that honor

our shared history, reflect on our nation's achievements, and recommit to its enduring founding principles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kern County Board of Education proudly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the United States by declaring the week of July 4-10, 2026, as **America's Semiquincentennial Week**, during which Reaching Individual Success through Education (RISE) programs will engage staff, students, and families in patriotic assemblies, lessons on the Constitution and founding documents, projects honoring veterans and civic leaders, and activities celebrating America's history, achievements, and future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kern County Board of Education commits to embracing the Semiquincentennial as an opportunity to reinforce American values within the RISE culture, inspiring students to embrace the principles of our nation's Founders, fostering deep appreciation for the sacrifices made to secure our freedoms, and encouraging them to uphold a legacy of perseverance, innovation, and civic responsibility; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Kern County Board of Education calls upon our community to join in this celebration, reflect on our nation's remarkable journey, and recommit to the principles of liberty, justice, and self-governance that make America a nation worthy of pride and dedication.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February 2026, at a regular meeting of the Kern County Board of Education. On motion of Trustee Cisneros and seconded by Trustee Robinson, this Resolution is adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Cisneros, Robinson, Marcans, Beechind/Towse, Little, Eskew, Gonzalez
NOES: N/A
ABSENT: N/A