



RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 8101
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS
AS SEPTEMBER 14-25, 2015

WHEREAS, Plumas County's Clerk-Recorder, serving as the county's chief elections official, continues to serve the voters of the county at every level, including educating "first time" voters on the process; and

WHEREAS, active participation of all eligible citizens, registering to vote, including those attending high school, is essential; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the youngest voters to understand the importance of voting to help select the leaders that will affect their lives now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, it has never been easier to register to vote, cast a ballot in an election and have your voice heard; and

WHEREAS, students are encouraged to become familiar with voting, ask candidates questions and participate in voter education programs as well as encouraging their friends and family to register to vote, vote and be heard; and

WHEREAS, high schools are encouraged to participate in California High School Voter Education Weeks, September 14-25, 2015 as well as April 18-29, 2016 by contacting the Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, Elections Division to participate in high school voter outreach programs available.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors recognize **September 14 - 25, 2015 as California High School Voter Education Weeks**; commend the efforts of the Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, Elections Division's staff for developing and organizing special programs educating the young voters of the county, sharing these programs with all California counties and the Secretary of State, and encouraging young voter participation in all elections.

The forgoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors held on September 8, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors THRALL, ENGEL, SIMPSON, SWOFFORD, GOSS
NOES: Supervisors NONE
ABSENT: Supervisors NONE

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ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clerk to the Board of Supervisors".

California High School Voter Education Weeks - September 14-25, 2015

Below are ideas that have been shared by counties to promote civic engagement in high schools around California. These projects have been used and proven to be successful.

Host a Voter Registration Drive on Campus - Plumas County

- ✓ Select a high school with a Government teacher who is passionate about democracy.
- ✓ “Elections 101”. Present a slide show to Government classes giving the basics of participating in a democracy.
- ✓ How to register to vote.
- ✓ Am I eligible to register to vote?
- ✓ What to expect after you’re registered to vote.
- ✓ What the County Elections Office does.
- ✓ How does the county know which contest I get to vote on?
- ✓ Where can I find information on what I am voting for?
- ✓ Coordinate a Voter Registration Drive on campus.

Assist High School with Student Body Elections - Plumas County

- ✓ Select a high school with an upcoming student body election.
- ✓ Create a schedule with the Student Leadership instructor and school administration and select a location on campus for the polling place.
- ✓ Work with a local ballot printer to have mock ballots donated to school.
- ✓ Provide poll worker training class to senior class volunteers (these students were selected because they were not voting on student body officers for the upcoming year).
- ✓ Election Day! Set a polling place! Provide the roster, badges, voting booth, ballot boxes, polling place signage, “I Voted” stickers and of course, the American flag to make it identifiable.
- ✓ Allow student poll workers to announce results at school assembly/rally.

Political Party and Candidate Forum in a Mock Election Atmosphere - Placer County

- ✓ Select a school or schools that would like to encourage their staff and students to become more civically engaged.
- ✓ Contact representatives of political parties and invite them to come make a short presentation to the school about their party and its platform (set boundaries on subject matter).
- ✓ Invite local candidates that may have been elected recently and encourage them to tell their story. Have them explain the process and experience from the time they decided to run for office to the day they were elected (set boundaries on subject matter).
- ✓ Encourage a question and answer period where the students can inquire about the process of a working democracy.
- ✓ Allow teachers and students who are eligible to register to vote, to apply on site.
- ✓ Create a mock election ballot and give attendees the opportunity to cast their ballot, just as they would on Election Day.

Conduct a Mock Election - Sacramento County

- ✓ Select a school that is enthusiastic about giving students the opportunity to encourage their students to become involved in their democracy.
- ✓ Create a mock election ballot with issues relevant to high school students.
- ✓ Work with the school to provide a “polling place” on campus. Bring voting equipment that students can use to simulate an actual Election Day.
- ✓ Use this time to encourage students to become poll workers on Election Day.