



**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PROCLAMATION**



**NATURE CENTER's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, the El Modena High School Nature Center/Native Plant Garden ("Nature Center") was established in 1972 by El Modena High School Science Teacher Jeanne Carter; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Carter has been the driving force behind the Nature Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nature Center is dedicated to the teaching of water conservation and ecological principles to students in grades K-12 and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, the garden occupies approximately one acre with a large pond and a 200-foot stream with two wetland areas in the stream and over 100 different native California plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nature Center has educated over 50,000 students through high school student-led tours; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been strong and ongoing community support for the Nature Center; and organizations such as the Orange Rotary Club, Love Orange, and Circle K (Kiwanis) from California State University, Fullerton to help build and develop the garden; and

**WHEREAS**, the 50<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout Project at the Nature Center will be completed this year and each project has helped improve the Center;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordered, determined, and resolved that the Board of Education does hereby proclaim June 2, 2022, as

**El Modena Nature Center's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2022

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