

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

~Resolution~

NATIONAL MEDIA SPECIALIST DAY
APRIL 16, 2013

WHEREAS Numerous research studies have shown a high correlation between exemplary school library programs led by a certified Media Specialist and student achievement on state standardized tests; *and*

WHEREAS Media Specialists help students acquire unique information and technology skills not taught in the classroom; *and*

WHEREAS Media Specialists instruct students and provide the school community ongoing experiences in accessing, evaluating and utilizing information sources; *and*

WHEREAS Media Specialists collaborate with teachers for optimal instructional design to improve student achievement; *and*

WHEREAS Media Specialists prepare students to succeed in college and careers and are particularly critical to helping close the achievement gap of students who come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Education designates April 16, 2013, as "National Media Specialist Day"; *and be it finally*

RESOLVED that this special day serve as a fitting time to urge all Orange County residents to express their gratitude to our Media Specialists and recognize the critical role they perform for our students and schools.



April 8, 2013

Donna Coffey
Chair, Orange County Board of Education

G. Patrick Rhodes
Superintendent, Orange County Schools