



**RESOLUTION #24-57
SAFE GUN STORAGE**

WHEREAS, guns are now the leading cause of death for children in America. Every day, eight children and teens are shot in instances of family fire - a firearm discharge involving an improperly stored or misused gun found in the home resulting in injury or death; and

WHEREAS, approximately 20 percent of adults in California own firearms, and state laws mandate safe storage practices for firearms in households with minors. While gun retailers provide information on safe storage, there are currently no dedicated resources to educate adults on this issue; and

WHEREAS, having a firearm in the home that is not safely locked or securely disabled increases firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crimes, including teen suicide, creating significant local and national public health impacts; and

WHEREAS, safely locking up or disabling firearms when they are not in the owner's immediate control is highly effective in reducing gun violence and has been found to be the single most effective gun safety measure enacted by states and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, suicide attempts often are impulsive acts, frequently occurring within five minutes of their decision to attempt suicide, and secured firearms impede the opportunity for impulsive suicide attempts, giving suicidal individuals time to contact family, friends, and health-care professionals, and giving others time to react; and

WHEREAS, two young people (ages 5-18) either die or survive a suicide attempt each day in our country. Over 80 percent of teens who commit suicide with a gun used one that belonged to someone in their home; and

WHEREAS, in California, an average of 27 children under 18 died by suicide using a firearm each year from 1999 to 2017, with many of these firearms belonging to a parent or family member; and

WHEREAS, educating gun owners is a critical component of gun safety, in that an estimated 5 million children in the United States live in a home with unsecured firearms, 87 percent of kids know where their parents' guns are kept, and 60 percent report that they have handled guns; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of school shootings are facilitated by kids having access to unsecured or unsupervised guns at home; and

WHEREAS, unsecured firearms present a significant danger to children, who, as young as three, may be capable of pulling a trigger. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an average of 65 children under 15 accidentally died from gun-related incidents each year from 1999 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, the law requires all firearms inside a residence to be safely locked or stored, unless the weapon is being carried on the body or in the immediate control of its owner or other authorized user; and

WHEREAS, students, parents, and educators recognized the importance of practicing responsible gun ownership and safety, beginning by keeping all guns and ammunition secured where children cannot access them; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence restraining orders (GVROs) allow guns to be removed from the home temporarily and prevent further purchases when someone is at risk of harming themselves or others. Families or teachers can apply to a court for a GVRO directly, and anyone can ask law enforcement for a GVRO to remove firearms from individuals who may be violent or in crisis; and

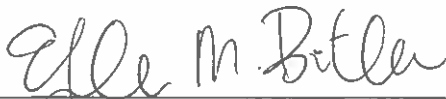
WHEREAS, the Oxnard Union High School District Board of Trustees now seeks to inform parents and guardians of the importance of safe storage in reducing accidental shootings of children and other firearm-related injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Oxnard Union High School District Board of Trustees continues to urge all parents to ask about the presence of unsecured firearms in any home before allowing their children to enter; and

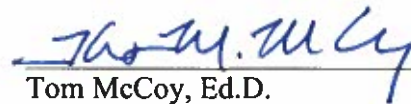
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent and staff to update the OUHSD website to include information about parents' and guardians' legal duties to safely store or disable firearms, and that this information should include assistance with obtaining a gun violence restraining or a domestic violence restraining order so families may better protect themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board and the Superintendent will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies, businesses, firearms owners, and non-profit and advocacy organizations to increase efforts to inform parents and guardians of their duty to safely lock or securely disable their firearms, as well as informing families of their right to obtain a gun violence restraining order and domestic violence restraining orders to safeguard their loved ones.

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**RESOLUTION #24-58
GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

WHEREAS, safeguarding students, teachers, and staff from gun violence is a shared responsibility of all adults in our community; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is a leading cause of premature death in the United States. Guns kill more than 48,000 people per year, and firearm injuries were among the five leading causes of death in the U.S. among people ages one to forty-four (American Public Health Association, 2024); and

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for children under 18 years of age in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, each day 12 children in the U.S. die from gun violence and another 32 are shot and injured; and

WHEREAS, it is now estimated that there are approximately 393,000,000 firearms in civilian hands in the United States as of 2023, meaning that firearms now outnumber people in our county; and

WHEREAS, modern technology and capabilities, including semiautomatic firing mechanisms, capacity, range, accuracy, and use of specialize ammunition, of the firearms commercially available today make them far more lethal than anything the founders could have imagined in the 18th century, when most weapons needed to be reloaded after every shot; and

WHEREAS, gun safety laws are proven to lessen the scourge of gun violence, as evidenced by the fact that since some of California's most significant gun safety laws took effect in the early 1990s, California has cut its rate of gun death in half, and the state's gun death rate is 389 percent lower than the national average as of 2023; and

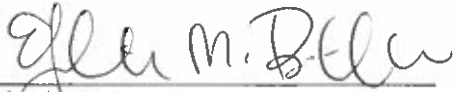
WHEREAS, the rising threat of gun violence has struck at the heart of the shared ideal of providing a future for our youth through education, tragic attacks on schools, including school shootings at Columbine High School in 1999, the Sandy Hook Elementary massacre in 2012, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School mass shooting in 2018, and 46 of them in the year 2022—more than in any year since 1999; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security research shows that knowing the signs of gun violence can help prevent it and reverse the trend through reporting to trusted adults and law enforcement agencies; and

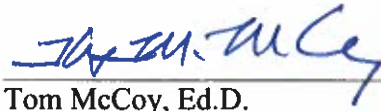
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent and staff to continue to educate families, students, and staff on gun violence prevention and the related school safety and supportive measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that drills to increase awareness about and preparation in response to events involving gun violence will be held to increase safety in our schools and community.

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**RESOLUTION #24-59
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS
FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the first documented presence of Filipinos in the United States occurred on October 18, 1587, in Morro Bay, California, marking over 430 years of history and settlement in what is now the United States; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are an integral part of the diverse social, cultural, and economic fabric of the United States, contributing to the nation's development in numerous fields including medicine, government, business, education, the arts, and the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized as Filipino American History Month, first established by the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) to acknowledge the enduring legacy and achievements of Filipino Americans throughout U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American farmworkers, such as Larry Itliong, Philip Vera Cruz, and thousands of others, were instrumental in the fight for labor rights and social justice, organizing the 1965 Delano Grape Strike that led to the formation of the United Farm Workers (UFW) union alongside Cesar Chavez; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have played an essential role in defending the nation, with thousands of Filipino soldiers serving bravely in the U.S. military during World War II, notably in the Philippines campaign, and continuing to serve honorably in all branches of the armed forces today; and

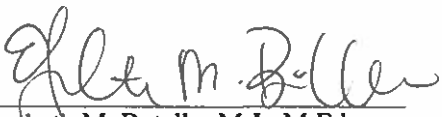
WHEREAS, Filipino Americans, the second-largest Asian American group in the U.S., with an estimated population of over 4 million, enrich communities through their contributions to education, business, science, technology, arts, sports, and public service; and

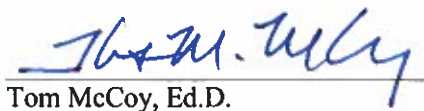
WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month provides a valuable opportunity to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of Filipino Americans and to educate current and future generations about their vital role in shaping the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is important to honor the legacy, culture, and contributions of Filipino Americans, while fostering a greater understanding and appreciation for their significant impact on society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Oxnard Union High School District officially declares October 2024 as **Filipino American History Month**, and encourages all citizens to participate in educational and cultural events that recognize and celebrate the rich history, culture and contributions of Filipino Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oxnard Union High School District reaffirms its commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion by honoring and uplifting the stories and achievements of Filipino Americans during this important month and beyond.


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RESOLUTION #24-60

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

Domestic violence is one of the most common and least visible forms of violence that affect many areas of life for its primary and secondary victims; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide education, awareness and understanding of domestic violence and its causes;

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California;

WHEREAS, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence;

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States;

WHEREAS, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences including difficulty at school, substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious adult health problems;

WHEREAS, all survivors deserve access to culturally responsive programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency;

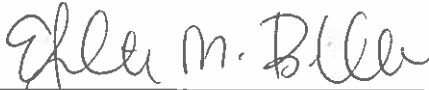
WHEREAS, all communities deserve access to culturally responsive prevention programs and initiatives to improve overall community health and safety by challenging the societal norms that perpetuate violence;

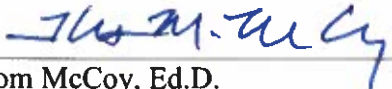
WHEREAS, OUHSD recognizes the vital role that all Californians can play in preventing and one day ending domestic violence; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Oxnard Union High School District recognizes the month of October 2024, and each following October, as National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. As a District, may we continue the essential work of ending domestic

violence by building a culture where abuse is not tolerated and where survivors are supported and protected.

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