



**Oxnard Union
High School District**

RESOLUTION #25-19

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 2025
PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the purpose of Public Schools Month is to encourage communities and schools to set aside some time during the month for honoring our public schools and to enlist the continued support of the general public to the cause of public education; and

WHEREAS, the early history of California schools connects to Ventura County. Before California became American territory at least one American school had been established within the confines of what has become our state. In the autumn of 1846 a group of pioneers established the first school for American children in California before statehood was granted, one of whom was Mrs. Olive M. Isbell; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Isbell, who lived the last years of her life in Ventura County, told how, in the absence of slate, a blackboard or paper, she wrote the alphabet on the backs of her pupil's hands in order that they might learn the rudiments of our language; and

WHEREAS, today, the public school system of California now enrolls more than six million people in all its branches. It offers opportunity to every human being and aims to train each for a prosperous life and service to the community according to his capabilities and to enjoy life while serving; and


WHEREAS, no other state can boast of the enrollment of such a large proportion of its population. No other people has been so generous in its support of education as the people of California; and

WHEREAS, public education is the underpinning of our democracy; and

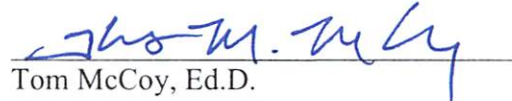
WHEREAS, educators and school communities make every other profession possible; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Public Schools Month gives the educational community the opportunity to focus on the value of quality education programs for all students and enhance public support for our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OXNARD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT proclaims the month of April 2025, as **PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH** in this school district, and encourages all educational communities to celebrate with meaningful student activities and programs in a shared commitment to quality education for all.



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