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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #15033

**TO:** All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

**FROM:** /s/ Steven Carda  
Voter Outreach and Publications Coordinator

**RE:** Civic Engagement – High School Voter Education Weeks

In 2014, Assembly Bill 1817 was signed by Governor Brown designating the last two full weeks in April and September to be High School Voter Education Weeks. This legislation provides an opportunity for high schools and their students to partner with county elections officials to promote civic education and participation on campus and foster an environment that cultivates lifelong voters and active citizens.

Secretary Padilla is excited to be a part of this initiative to engage high school students and prepare them to become active participants in our nation's democracy. To help recognize the importance of the upcoming weeks, Secretary Padilla has issued a resolution encouraging all California High Schools to participate in California's High School Voter Education Weeks, which will be held April 13-25, 2015. Feel free to use this resolution as a tool to gain support and recognition from your Board of Supervisors or County Board of Education.

If you have questions about this, or any other outreach related matter please feel free to contact me at (916) 657-2305. Thank you.

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## RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING

### CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS

**WHEREAS**, California's Secretary of State, who serves as the state's chief elections official, is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in all elections by all eligible Californians; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength of our democracy depends on the active participation of all of its citizens, regardless of age, and voter registration and participation of youth is historically low; and

**WHEREAS**, young people play a critical role in our democracy by helping to choose the people who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them; and

**WHEREAS**, high schools are encouraged to offer voter registration to eligible students with either paper registration applications or a link on the high school website to the state's online voter registration application; and

**WHEREAS**, high schools administrators are encouraged to name one or more students as voter outreach coordinators to encourage student voter registration during High School Voter Registration Weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, students are encouraged to participate in our democracy through civics and voter education programs and by encouraging their peers and the members of their family and communities to register to vote and participate in elections; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that I, Secretary of State Alex Padilla, encourage all California High Schools to participate in **CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS** April 13-25, 2015.

Subscribed this 3rd day of April, 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex Padilla".

Alex Padilla  
California Secretary of State

