

State of California

SECRETARY OF STATE

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

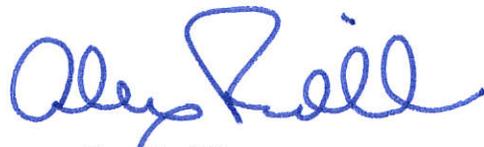
WHEREAS, high schools are encouraged to offer voter registration to eligible students with either paper registration applications or a link on the high school website to the state's online voter registration application; and

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** September 14-25, 2015,

Subscribed this 4th day of August, 2015



Alex Padilla
Secretary of State

