

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, 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, 16 and 17 year olds can now pre-register to vote and then automatically become active voters once they turn 18; 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 school 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, volunteering as poll workers, and by encouraging their peers, family members, and community 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 18-29, 2017.

Subscribed this 7th day of August, 2017



Alex Padilla
Secretary of State

