

Board Meeting – February 21, 2023

Item. VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

- C. Adoption of Board Resolution 27: to Proclaim International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2023

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Board Resolution No. 27 as part of the regular County Board meeting on February 21, 2023; and further recommends that the Board proclaims March 21, 2023 as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and encourages educators, librarians and education communities to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities advocating for social justice and racial equity.

Board Resolution No. 27 is shown on the following page.

NEXT STEPS:

- Send out LACOE Communication to the 80 districts to encourage districts, schools and community organizations to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.
- Invite school districts to participate in professional development opportunities and access materials to build content knowledge of

the subject and acquire instructional strategies to teach the topic effectively in classrooms.

- Provide support to districts to implement ethnic studies with intentionality of including the history and contributions of the group identified.

BOARD RESOLUTION


No. 27: 2022-2023

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21, 2023)

- WHEREAS** the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was established six years after the Sharpeville tragedy that captured worldwide attention; and
- WHEREAS** on March 21, 1960, police officers in Sharpeville, a black township in South Africa, opened fire on a group of people peacefully protesting oppressive pass laws, killing 69; and
- WHEREAS** the anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre is remembered the world over each year on March 21, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and
- WHEREAS** proclaiming the Day in 1966, which signifies the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa, the UN General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination; and
- WHEREAS** in September 2011, at the UN General Assembly, world leaders adopted a declaration proclaiming their strong determination to make the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance a high priority for their countries; and
- WHEREAS** the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination aims to remind people of racial discrimination's negative consequences and encourages people to remember their obligation to combat racial discrimination; and
- WHEREAS** various activities and events are arranged in many countries worldwide on this day to help young people voice their opinions, find ways to fight racism and promote tolerance in their communities and in their lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education proclaims March 21, 2023, as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and encourages educators, librarians and education communities to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities advocating for social justice and racial equity.

ADOPTED this 21st day of February 2023, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.



Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent



James Cross
Board President