

April 18, 2023

APPROVED: DD:br

Board Meeting – April 18, 2023

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

- C. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 43 to Recognize May Day on May 1, 2023

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Resolution No. 43 as part of the regular County Board meeting on April 18, 2023; and further declares May 1 as May Day or International Labor Day to honor the extraordinary contributions of workers in our county, state, nation and across the globe and encourages discussions and learning about workers worldwide, their critical role in society and how they organized to improve working conditions.

Resolution No. 43 is attached.

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.
- LACOE will engage in a social media campaign to promote and bring awareness of the significance of May Day.
- LACOE wide message from the Superintendent.

BOARD RESOLUTION

NO. 43: 2022-2023

May Day 2023

WHEREAS May Day, also known as International Workers' Day, has its roots in the United States and is now recognized in dozens of countries around the world as a day to honor and advocate for the rights of workers; and

WHEREAS observed on the 1st of May, this Day celebrates the extraordinary contributions of workers; and

WHEREAS the significance of May Day to the labor movement began with the movement for an eight-hour workday that led to a general strike in Chicago on May 1, 1886; and

WHEREAS May Day commemorates the lives of four American labor organizers who were hanged in Chicago after being falsely convicted of throwing a bomb into a group of police during a protest rally; and

WHEREAS in 1884, the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions, precursor to the American Federation of Labor, voted at its annual convention that from May 1, 1886, onward, the workday would consist of eight hours; and


WHEREAS though the eight-hour workday was not fully adopted across America until the 20th century, the events in Chicago inspired similar protests across Europe, establishing May 1st as the day to recognize the rights of workers across the world; and

WHEREAS we honor the hardworking, everyday heroes in the education sector who rose to the challenge of the global COVID-19 pandemic to serve students – from transporting and feeding students to teaching them vital skills and ensuring that schools are operating smoothly during this unprecedented time; and

WHEREAS education workers, including our own employees at the Los Angeles County Office of Education who are fundamental to the successful operations of LACOE programs and services, should be publicly recognized on May Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Los Angeles County Board of Education declares May 1 as May Day or International Labor Day to honor the extraordinary contributions of workers in our county, state, nation and across the globe and encourages discussions and learning about workers worldwide, their critical role in society and how they organized to improve working conditions.

ADOPTED this 18th day of April 2023 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.


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


James Cross
Board President