



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
3350 Education Drive
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405



RESOLUTION NO. 06-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROMOTING CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

WHEREAS, there is a great need to nurture and teach youth as they develop their thoughts and ideas of character and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, schools can play a crucial role in facing the increasing challenge of finding common ground among those of differing cultures and attitudes; and

WHEREAS, a quality civic education should help young people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, the importance of a student's grasp of the concepts of civic responsibility and respect for others cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment enables Americans to find common ground for living respectfully and civilly with one another in the midst of diverse opinions; and

WHEREAS, character and citizenship education should emphasize that each individual is responsible to respect others and their freedom of conscience; and

WHEREAS, students should understand that respecting others is crucial, that debate and disagreement are vital in a democracy, and that individuals and groups must resolve their differences and learn to live in collaboration with those who do not agree; and

WHEREAS, respect demands that the manner in which issues are debated is just as important as the topic, and that the heart of good citizenship is a strong commitment to the civic values that enable people to find common ground and treat one another with civility and respect in spite of differences; and

WHEREAS, promoting civic responsibility and respect for others can help prepare today's students to make a profound impact for the common good and the future of their communities, state, nation, and the world;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Luis County Office of Education will provide character and citizenship education that promotes civic responsibility and respect for others;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes the schools and education leaders whose teaching and practicing of civic responsibility and respect for others has brought honor and distinction to our county schools.

On motion of Board Member _____, seconded by Board Member _____, the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

____ GALVAN
____ MADONNA
____ MOFFATT
____ PETERSON
____ WARD

JULIAN D. CROCKER
County Superintendent of Schools
Secretary to the County Board of Education

Date: April 6, 2006