

**ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 76, 2025-2026**

**Recognizing April 6-10, 2026, as California Adult Education Week  
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, adult schools have been utilized on numerous occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political, and economic issues through job training programs during World War II, immigration reform of the 1980s, and the Great Recession; and

**WHEREAS**, adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the state and the nation in 2008-2009 as funding that reserved for adult education was redistributed to other levels of education; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove Adult and Community Education successfully serves Elk Grove and the surrounding communities through its collaboration with its community college partners and community-based organizations through the adult education system; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove Adult and Community Education provides significant and varied classes and programs to serve Elk Grove and the surrounding communities, including: classes in healthcare training, computer technology training, job preparation classes, high school diploma and equivalency programs, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, citizenship classes, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove Adult and Community Education serves students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program, and parents enrolled in ESL classes learn how to assist their children with school work and dedicate several hours a year tutoring their own children; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove Adult and Community Education provides a safe environment for its students free from discrimination or bullying regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status;

**WHEREAS**, the California Adult Education Program celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, having been established in law in 2014;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board of the Elk Grove Unified School District strongly supports adult education and acknowledges April 6-10, 2026, as California Adult Education Week.

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DAVID E. REILLY, SUPERINTENDENT  
and SECRETARY to the GOVERNING BOARD of ELK  
GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: April 7, 2026