## WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



## RESOLUTION 58-23 In Support of Independence Day - July 4, 2023

**WHEREAS**, Independence Day is a day unlike any other – in the history of the United States of America, and indeed, the world – in that not only is it the day that an infant nation formally defied the most powerful empire on earth in a quest for freedom, liberty, and independence, but even more importantly because on that day this new nation declared as a "self-evident truth" – known and knowable to all persons at all times in all places throughout the world – the notion that "all men are created equal ... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;" and

**WHEREAS**, July 4, 2023, marks the 247<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and by the adoption of that document – formally entitled, "The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America" – the nation we today know as the United States of America officially came into being; and

WHEREAS, on this and every July 4<sup>th</sup>, it is both proper and fitting that the institutions of California, and indeed all Californians, express heartfelt gratitude and indebtedness to those men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and in particular to those who have suffered the injuries of battle and who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting freedom and liberty around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Independence Day holiday is an occasion to emphasize national patriotism, community pride, and community cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Woodland's Independence Day festivities have been held at a District secondary school site since the mid-1980's; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Woodland Joint Unified School District encourage the observance of the Independence Day holiday.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, by unanimous vote.

BOARD SECRETARY

BOARD PRESIDENT