

Shasta County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

High School Voter Education Weeks

April 16-29, 2017 and

September 17-30, 2017

WHEREAS, the Shasta County Registrar of Voters serves as the chief elections official and is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in all elections by all eligible Shasta County residents; and

WHEREAS, the strength of democracy depends on active participation of all of citizens, regardless of age, and voter registration and participation of youth is historically low; and

WHEREAS, young people play a critical role in our democracy by helping to choose the people who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them; and

WHEREAS, voter pre-registration is now available for eligible 16 and 17 year olds in order to facilitate and encourage more young people to vote; and

WHEREAS, high schools are encouraged to offer voter registration to eligible students with either paper registration applications or a link on the high school website to an online voter registration application; and

WHEREAS, high schools administrators are encouraged to name one or more students as voter outreach coordinators to encourage student voter registration during *High School Voter Registration Weeks*; and

WHEREAS, students are encouraged to participate in our democracy through civics, voter education programs, and by encouraging their peers and members of their families and communities to register to vote and participate in elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta hereby proclaims the weeks of April 16-29, 2017 and September 17-30, 2017 as *High School Voter Education Weeks* in Shasta County and encourages and urges all Shasta County high school students to participate in the activities to promote voter registration.


David A. Kehoe, Chairman

April 11, 2017

Date

