**Resolution in Support of the**

**California Education for a Global Economy (EdGE) Initiative**

**WHEREAS,** All California school children have the right to an equal opportunity to advance and excel in all subjects, including the opportunity to develop fluency and literacy in the English language, as well as other languages; and

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Education of the (name of school district/county board of education) believes that a world class, 21st Century education must ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn, read, communicate, compose and think at a high level of sophistication in both English and in additional languages; and

**WHEREAS,** The California EdGE Initiative is consistent with this governing board’s dedication to improving student outcomes and the need to produce graduates with skills which prepare them for employment in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS,** California employers across all sectors, both public and private, are actively recruiting multilingual employees because of their ability to forge stronger bonds with customers, clients, and business partners; and

**WHEREAS,** Passage of the California EdGE Initiative will provide the (name of school district/county board of education) with more flexibility and greater educational options concerning the education of our students along with greater opportunity for our students to access innovative language programs; and

**WHEREAS,** The California EdGE Initiative provides school districts greater local control in devising programs for their students to improve mastery of English and other languages; and

**WHEREAS,** The California School Boards Association supports the California EdGE Initiative; and

**WHEREAS,** The California EdGE Initiative was placed on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot as a result of bipartisan action by the California Legislature; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the (name of school district/county board of education) supports the California Education for a Global Economy (EdGE) Initiative.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the (insert name of school district/county board of education) on (insert month), (date), 2016.

Signature (Governing Board Secretary) Date