

SENATE RESOLUTION

8618

By Senators Wilson, C., Liiias, Hasegawa, and Saldaña

1       WHEREAS, Civic education is the foundation for an informed  
2 citizenry and a representative democracy; and

3       WHEREAS, It is vital to provide strong educational resources to  
4 teach students and the public about our Constitution and instill  
5 youth with the value of meaningful participation in our democratic  
6 institutions and processes; and

7       WHEREAS, Civic education empowers us to be well-informed, active  
8 citizens and gives us the opportunity to change the world around us;  
9 and

10       WHEREAS, Students who receive a comprehensive civics education  
11 learn to think critically about the world around them, enabling them  
12 to become informed and proactive voters as well as participants in  
13 our democratic process; and

14       WHEREAS, Civic education is vital in imparting a fundamental  
15 understanding of the political processes and of the role of  
16 legislators in a representative democracy; and

17       WHEREAS, By gathering those dedicated to civic education in the  
18 state Capitol, we recognize the significance of civic education in  
19 Washington state and establish a forum for civic educators across the  
20 state to collaborate with legislators and other supporters; and

21       WHEREAS, Many organizations such as the Legislative Youth  
22 Advisory Council, We the People Foundation, Washington State Council  
23 of Social Studies, 4-H Know Your Government, YMCA Youth & Government,

1 Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of  
2 the Secretary of State, Washington State Historical Society,  
3 Legislative Scholars Program, Washington State Boys and Girls  
4 State, League of Women Voters, TVW, and others are dedicated to  
5 prioritizing civic education for students across Washington  
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, The contributions of committed teachers,  
8 principals, community leaders, parents, state employees, and  
9 volunteers help accomplish the goal of these laudable  
10 organizations to create an engaged citizenry;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on February 18, 2019,  
12 the Washington state Senate reaffirm the importance of civic  
13 education and recognize the dedication of civic educators across  
14 the state to serve and inform all Washingtonians; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington state Senate  
16 honor, thank, and celebrate the civic educators and civic  
17 education organizations of our state.

18 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
19 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
20 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8618,  
21 adopted by the Senate  
22 February 18, 2019

23 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
24 Secretary of the Senate