

# Proclamation



## HONORING THE CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

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**WHEREAS**, the year 2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC), and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and underscore the positive impact it has made in increasing the awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception in 1986, the nonprofit CFAITC has served as a resource for educators and their students and as an advocate for farming and ranching families; and

**WHEREAS**, CFAITC supports agricultural literacy by providing free, high-quality, teacher-tested, standards-based, current and accurate resources, as well as valuable training opportunities to support integration of agriculture in California classrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that the more than seven million students in California grow up with an understanding of agriculture's critical contributions to our society and recognize their daily connection to the products grown on and in California farms, ranches, and forests; and

**WHEREAS**, CFAITC helps support this vital industry by educating the next generation of consumers, parents, and decision-makers about fundamental concepts of agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, CFAITC communicates and cooperates with a network of more than 15,000 educators, administrators, volunteers, and agricultural industry representatives to provide agricultural programs and resources to classrooms and communities across California; and

**WHEREAS**, CFAITC actively works with more than 100 partnering agricultural and educational organizations, including the California Farm Bureau Federation and its more than 30 active, county-level Ag in the Classroom programs; and

**WHEREAS**, In its 30-year history, CFAITC has touched the lives of over 15 million California students through its agriculture education programs and resources; now, **THEREFORE**, be it

**PROCLAIMED BY CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE SECRETARY KAREN ROSS** that the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom be commended for its first 30 years of advancing Californians' understanding of farming and ranching; may it continue to play a vital role in promoting a more agriculturally literate citizenry.

Karen Ross, Secretary  
California Department of Food and Agriculture



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