

# *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

## *Orange County Exploring Program*

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

**WHEREAS**, In 1959, the Specialty Exploring Program, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America, was officially recognized as the national program and prompted future Exploring posts to follow the model of William H. Spurgeon III's first national specialty Explorer Post-Post 201 in Newport Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Exploring program sought to solve the problem of keeping older boys interested in Scouting when so many were more concerned with their future careers and found the solution through specialized and vocational posts, giving young men the opportunity to learn about their career interests; and

**WHEREAS**, Exploring's purpose is to provide the structure and resources needed for the youth of America to learn about career opportunities, to make ethical choices, and to achieve their full potential as individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Exploring is a Learning for Life program and specializes in a variety of career skills that are based on five areas of emphasis: career opportunities, life skills, service learning, character education, and leadership experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the Exploring Program offers a variety specialties for young adults to learn about and gain hands on experience such as Medical and Health, Law Enforcement, Aviation, Law and Government, Engineering, Skilled Trades, Business, Communications, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, Advisors volunteer from the local business community to serve as guides and share information about their fields with inquisitive young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, it is highly appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of the Exploring Program to the Orange County community and we encourage young men and women to participate in the many enriching learning experiences and community service activities in which the Exploring Program participates;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

does hereby congratulate the Orange County Exploring Program on the 50 years of exemplary service to the community, commends Exploring for its efforts in reaching out to the public and providing an opportunity for young adults to gain hands on experience and better prepare them for their future.

**Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2009**