



*Proclaiming May 2nd, 2025
Take 5 and Read to Kids! Day in Ventura County*

Whereas, First 5 Ventura County leads the community in promoting the critical importance of the first five years of life for developing lifelong social, emotional, and learning skills; and

Whereas, research has found that providing children, beginning at birth, with consistent, language-rich experiences - such as talking, reading and singing - has significant benefits that help them thrive and achieve their potential in school and in life; and

Whereas, the early years of a child's life are fundamental to reading development and writing abilities, associated with positive long-term outcomes; and

Whereas, the annual early literacy event Take 5 and Read to Kids! engages local elected officials and community leaders to help raise awareness about the significance of early literacy; and

Whereas, Take 5 and Read to Kids! helps build home libraries by providing bilingual books to young children and increases access to books for children with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds; and

Whereas, in observance of May 2nd as Take 5 and Reads to Kids! Day, we as a community recognize the magnitude and importance of the first five years of life for the well-being of children, families and society and seek to continue promoting early literacy.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2nd 2025 to be "Take 5 and Read to Kids! Day" throughout Ventura County, celebrating the joy of reading and recognizing the vital role early childhood literacy plays in building brighter futures for our children.

Presented On This 29th Day of April 2025

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