

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY AND NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2440-1

WHEREAS, May 8, 2024, is recognized as National School Nurse Day; and

**WHEREAS,** National School Nurse Day is celebrated on the Wednesday of National Nurses Week, which is May 6 - 12 each year; and

WHEREAS, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and ensuring students' academic success for more than 120 years; and

**WHEREAS,** National School Nurse Day was established in 1972, with the goal of educating the public about the critical role of school nurses in the education setting; and

WHEREAS, the National Education Association (NEA) established the Department of School Nurses on July 4, 1968; and

**WHEREAS,** the NEA Department of School Nurses is dedicated to improving student health, and advocating for the advancement of the school nursing practice; and

**WHEREAS,** school nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by providing a critical safety net for all children; and

**WHEREAS,** school nurses are members of school-based teams (e.g. school health services, 504/IEP, disaster/emergency planning) that provide care coordination and improve access to inclusive, equitable, high-quality health education to the students and staff in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) commends the dedication of school nurses around Santa Clara County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE is committed to recruiting and retaining highly-qualified school nurses in Santa Clara County schools; and

WHEREAS, over 125 registered and credentialed school nurses fulfill their essential roles with dedication and expertise, providing healthcare services within the public schools of Santa Clara County; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing May 8, 2024, as National School Nurse Day and the week of May 6 - 12, 2024, as National Nurses Week.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on May 1, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, and Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan NOES: none ABSTAIN: none ABSENT: none

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