

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING YOUTH ART MONTH 2021 THEME: ART CONNECTS US

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2276-2

WHEREAS, art is essential for developing a better quality of life for all, and art education is a valuable element in the education curricular that develops critical thinking and citizens of a global society; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous long term benefits of art education for all students, there is a continuous need to improve art education at all levels, and increase community, business, and government support for art education; and

WHEREAS, National Youth Art Month has been celebrated since 1984. The 2021 theme is Art Connects Us; and

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month encourages support for quality school art programs, promotes art material safety, and provides a medium for acknowledging skills developed through visual arts experiences including problem solving, creativity, observation, and communication; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has one of the largest curated displays of student art in the state of California and further fosters equitable and transformative education through the arts with the Artspiration initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success and aims to improve student equity and access to high quality education, provide quality support to districts, schools, students, and communities as well as be a premier service organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Santa Clara County Board of Education does hereby adopt this resolution to honor Youth Art Month and recognize the value of art education at all levels for all children.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 17, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: President Rossi, Vice President King, Trustees Chon, Kamei, Mah and Ortiz NOES: none ABSTAIN: none ABSENT: Trustee Di Salvo

Claudia Rossi, President Santa Clara County Board of Education

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D. County Superintendent of Schools