

**RESOLUTION**  
**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR**  
**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RESOLUTION No. 2274-5**

**WHEREAS**, February 12, 2021, will usher in the Lunar New Year of 4719, and festivities will continue through February 26, 2021. Lunar New Year is defined as the first day of the first month in the traditional Chinese calendar and has been celebrated in California since 1858; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunar New Year is the most important and festive holiday of the year, celebrated in many Asian and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Mongolian; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunar New Year is a time to reunite with family, recognize traditions, honor ancestors, celebrate the past year, and invite good luck and prosperity for the coming year; and

**WHEREAS**, 2021 is Year of the Ox, a valued animal because of its role in agriculture; the Ox is seen as hardworking, positive and honest, with strong ties to family and traditional values; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 892 was signed in 2018, and is an annual proclamation of the Lunar New Year that encourages schools to participate in holiday traditions & discuss the accomplishments of Asian Pacific Islander (API) Californians; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clara County serves a diverse population as one of the first minority-majority counties in the nation; Asians, at 31% of the population, have been the largest racial group since 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clara County serves 263,449 students, 30.4 percent are of Asian descent; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Office of Education partners with community-based organizations, including the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI) and the Asian American Pacific Islander Educators Network Group, which meets to discuss issues and challenges related to Asian American Pacific Islander students and educators. The challenges faced by these student groups are as diverse as the student groups themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Board of Education recognizes the Lunar New Year and supports community engagement throughout Santa Clara County; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to honor the Lunar New Year and recognize the tremendous contributions made by Asian-Americans.

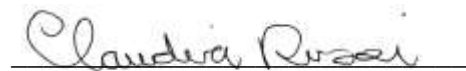
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on January 13, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: President Rossi, Vice President King, Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz and Chon

NOES: none

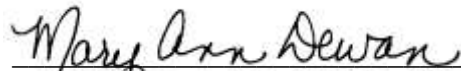
ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Claudia Rossi, President

Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

County Superintendent of Schools

Santa Clara County Office of Education